

Anti-Abortion Violence Watch

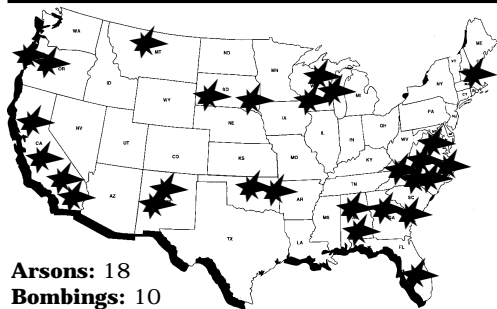
Reporting on Domestic Terrorism Against Women's Health Clinics

Eric Robert Rudolph
810 days as a fugitive
James Charles Kopp
547 days as a fugitive

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Clinics Arsoned/Bombed 97-00



Arsons: 18
Bombings: 10

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Unsolved Arsons/Bombing 97-00

April 15, 2000 • Oakland Park, FL

Ft. Lauderdale Women's Clinic

October 8, 1999 • Rapid City, SD

Planned Parenthood

August 2, 1999 • Greenland, NH

Feminist Women's Health Center

July 2, 1999 • Sacramento, CA

Choice Medical Group

Benjamin and Tyler Williams indicted

April 2, 1999 • Milwaukee, WI

Summit Women's Health Org.

April 16, 1999 • Albuquerque, NM

Planned Parenthood of New Mexico

March 13, 1999 • Asheville, NC

Femcare Clinic

September 8, 1998 • Fayetteville, NC

Hallmark & Carolina Clinic

April 1, 1998 • San Diego/Riverside, CA

Planned Parenthood

January 29, 1998 • Birmingham, AL

New Woman, All Women Health Care Clinic

Eric Robert Rudolph sought as a suspect

October 19, 1997 • Portland, OR

All Women's Health Services

July 22, 1997 • Tuscaloosa, AL

West Alabama Women's Center

May 27, 1997 • Portland, OR

Lovejoy Surgicenter

March 7, 1997 • North Hollywood, CA

Family Planning Associates

March 6, 1997 • Greensboro, NC

Piedmont-Carolina Medical Clinic

January 16, 1997 • Atlanta, GA

Northside Family Planning

Eric Robert Rudolph sought as a suspect

Florida Abortion Clinic Firebombed

Vigilance and security precautions urged during Easter holidays

On Friday evening, April 14, the Ft. Lauderdale Women's Clinic in Oakland Park, Florida was firebombed. Police and fire rescue workers responded to a call at the clinic around 8:30 p.m. on April 14 and found the glass front door smashed and a fire burning inside.

An initial investigation showed that a plastic container filled with some type of accelerant was thrown at the front door of the facility. The fire was contained to the exterior of the building and caused approximately \$3,000-\$4,000 in damage.

The clinic was closed at the time and no one was injured. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, local police, and the Florida Fire Marshal's office are investigating.

The Easter holiday season has traditionally been a time of heightened anti-abortion activity. For several years, national anti-abortion groups like Operation Rescue have called for clinic blockades around this time.

This Easter season, there has been no such announced large-scale event, reflecting the demonstrable decline in the use of blockades since 1995 — due in large part to the combined efforts of law enforcement, legal remedies like FACE, and ongoing pro-choice mobilization.

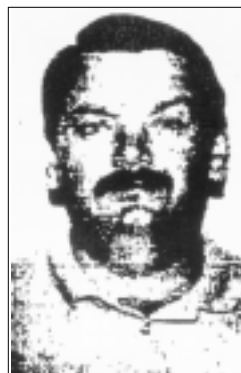
Although no large-scale activities have been announced, clinic personnel and law enforcement nationwide are urged to be vigilant during this time.

Plot to Kill Doctors and Terrorize Clinics Revealed

Following arrest, anti-abortion extremist shares thwarted terrorist plans

A Pennsylvania newspaper has reported on Clayton (AKA Roger Allan) Waagner's thwarted plans to shoot and kill doctors and terrorize women's reproductive health clinics in several states. Waagner, a suspected clinic stalker and potential arsonist from Kennerdell, PA, was jailed on outstanding weapons charges before he could wage his terrorist campaign.

Waagner explained he planned to kill doctors on the theory that it would frighten others into leaving their practice and reduce the number of abortions performed in the United States. "I figured for every one I killed, I'd get another one to quit," he told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.



Clayton Waagner

car, which had been stolen in Ohio, recovered firearms, gasoline cans, a dummy hand grenade, large caliber handgun ammunition, and a handwritten list of names and numbers for eight abortion clinics in Georgia and Tennessee.

Interviewed recently from the Dewitt County jail in Clinton, IL, Waagner told the *Post-Gazette* that he spent four months in 1999 "stealing trucks, acquiring guns and using laptop computers to locate abortion doctors in various cities". The *Post-Gazette* reports that Waagner hoped to kill as many doctors as he could, but said his "nerve failed him."

Ample computer and Internet resources facilitated Waagner's plans. He relied on computer databases to locate abortion clinics, monitored clinic security with a police scanner, and used different free e-mail services to store information so that he was able to continue his information gathering after police had taken

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Waagner

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possession of his computer.

Armed with information about clinics' locations, Waagner reportedly staked out clinics and surveilled health care staff in Ohio and West Virginia. He has provided descriptions of people, clinic buildings, locations, vehicles, and parking lots that clinic staff have since verified to be accurate. During his travels, Waagner also claims to have visited Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Delaware, New Jersey and Massachusetts. At the time of his arrest in Illinois, Waagner was headed toward Seattle, where he reportedly hoped to finally shoot a doctor.

It is still unknown what assistance Waagner might have received from extremist anti-abortion individuals or groups, or how he financed his extensive activities. The *Post-Gazette* quotes Waagner as saying, "There are organized groups out there ... that have money, resources. There are people not quite willing to go so far as taking a life or giving one. For people like myself who are willing to take that risk, you'd be surprised how many people are willing to be supportive."

At the onset of his campaign, Waagner contacted Jason Miller, 24, a member of the River of God Church in Grove City, PA, a former church of the Waagner family. Miller was briefly jailed after an armed robbery near Lexington, KY and is now reportedly cooperating with investigators.

Waagner, whose criminal record stems from 1975 and includes a conviction for theft and attempted armed robbery, is currently being held on a federal indictment charge of felony possession of handguns and interstate transportation of stolen property. As a repeat offender, he faces a minimum of 15 years in prison.

"I would much rather be sitting on death row right now for having succeeded than sitting in some county jail for having failed," Waagner said. "It's not that I regret getting caught. It's that I regret getting caught as a failure." He also adds, "The last thing I expected was that I'd have trouble shooting these [doctors]."

The Feminist Majority Foundation has urged federal law enforcement officials to investigate possible connections between Waagner and other anti-abortion extremists and to prosecute Waagner for any criminal violations he committed under the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act.

Anti-Abortion Extremists to Gather in DC

On the morning of April 25, the United States Supreme Court will hear arguments in *Stenberg v. Carhart*. This case is significant to the abortion debate as it is the anti-abortion movement's latest effort to outlaw all abortions by pretending to prohibit a single procedure, falsely dubbed "partial birth abortion."

The sole plaintiff in this case, LeRoy H. Carhart, M.D., runs the Abortion and Contraceptive Clinic of Nebraska, located in the Omaha suburb of Bellevue. In 1991, arsonists set fire to the horse farm where his family lived, destroying their home, most of their 21 horses, and family pets. Following the fire, Dr. Carhart received a letter linking the horses' deaths

to the "murder" of abortion. The apartment where the family subsequently moved was later vandalized.

Leading anti-abortion extremist Joseph Scheidler of Chicago, IL, has announced that he will travel to Washington, DC to join a protest outside the Supreme Court beginning on Easter Sunday. (Scheidler is one of five defendants found liable in 1998 for extortion in *NOW v. Scheidler*.) The protest vigil, headed by Pat Mahoney of the Washington, DC-based Christian Defense Coalition, is scheduled to begin on Easter Sunday morning and run through the day of the hearing. (*New York Times*, *Associated Press*)

FBI Agent Named as New Task Force Head

Clinic Bombing Suspect Eric Robert Rudolph Remains At-Large

The FBI has named agent Todd Letcher as the new supervisory special agent at the Southeast Bomb Task Force command post in Andrews, NC. Letcher has spent the past 18 months in North Carolina on the hunt for bombing suspect and fugitive Eric Robert Rudolph.

Rudolph has been charged with the fatal bombings at Centennial Park in Atlanta during the 1996 summer Olympics and at an abortion clinic in Birmingham, AL in 1998, as well as with two nonfatal bombings at a gay bar and an abortion clinic in Atlanta. A woman was killed and a cameraman suffered a fatal heart attack in the Olympic blast, and the Birmingham bomb killed an off-duty police officer and critically injured a clinic nurse. Letters from the "Army of God" sent to Atlanta news agencies, claimed credit for the Atlanta clinic and nightclub bombings and the Birmingham bombing. The letters threatened further attacks against clin-

ics, women's healthcare staff and law enforcement personnel.

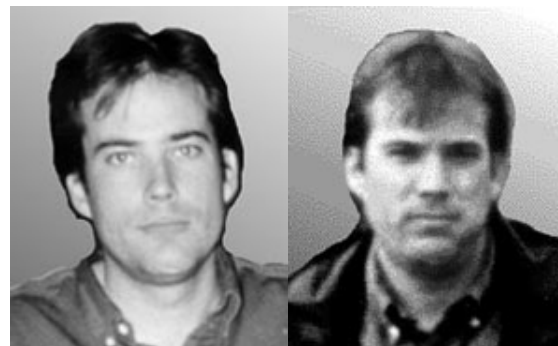
There have been no confirmed sightings of Rudolph for over one year. The task force has been scaled-back in size and is scheduled to move to smaller quarters this summer. Agents are no longer searching the Nantahala National Forest by foot, and instead, plan to follow-up on leads and tips. Most investigators believe that Rudolph has remained in western North Carolina, possibly living in Nantahala, a wooded, mountainous area. Rudolph grew up in the area and is familiar with the mountains and with wilderness survival.

The FBI is offering a \$1,000,000 reward for information leading directly to the arrest of Eric Robert Rudolph. Rudolph, along with James Kopp, is on the FBI Top Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List. (*APBNews.com*, *NewsTimes.com*)

FBI 10 MOST WANTED

\$1 MILLION REWARD

Eric Rudolph is wanted in connection with the fatal bombing of a Birmingham abortion clinic, the Olympic Park and other Atlanta-area bombings.



Eric Robert Rudolph

Date of Birth: September 19, 1966

Place of Birth: Merritt Island, FL

Sex: Male **Hair:** Brown

Height: 5' 11"

Eyes: Blue

Weight: 165 - 180 pounds

Race: White

1-888-ATF-BOMB

California Brothers Indicted for Arsons

On March 17, 2000, brothers Benjamin and Tyler Williams of Palo Cedro, CA, were indicted for the June 1999 arsons at three Sacramento-area synagogues and attempted torching of a Sacramento abortion clinic on July 2, 1999.

The brothers have already been charged with the July 1999 murder of a prominent gay couple from the area and face death penalty trials in California's Shasta County Superior Court.

Although the case against Tyler Williams is largely circumstantial, Benjamin Williams (who goes by the name Matthew) has confessed to at least one of the synagogue arsons and both murders. Matthew Williams has repeatedly and publicly spoken of his white supremacist, anti-Semitic, and anti-gay beliefs and wants to wear a Nazi-style uniform during court proceedings.

But prosecutors believe both brothers were involved in all the crimes and that there is evidence linking Tyler Williams to the incidents. When the pair was arrested in Yuba City, CA, last July, Tyler and Matthew Williams were found together in a car filled with weapons.

The March 17 indictment says that the object of the brothers' conspiracy was to "destroy and close synagogues and reproductive health services facilities and to thereby provoke further incidents of violence and to intimidate, terrorize and harm Jews, providers of reproductive health services and other groups of persons whom the defendants regarded as inferior or undesirable."

The charges carry combined penalties up to a total of 235 years behind bars. (*Sacramento Bee, Associated Press*)

Kopp Now Wanted for Canadian Shooting

On January 24, 2000, the Ontario Provincial Police issued a warrant for James Kopp for the 1995 shooting of Ontario abortion provider Dr. Hugh Short. Kopp has previously been charged in the 1998 assassination of Dr. Barnett Slepian of Amherst, NY. Dr. Slepian was the fifth physician shot around the Canadian Remembrance Day holiday between 1994-1998, and the first to be fatally wounded by sniper fire. Kopp is also being investigated in connection with the shooting of doctors in Winnipeg, Vancouver and Rochester, NY.

The search for Kopp extends to Mexico, where the FBI believes he was driven by a female friend. Kopp has a long history

of anti-abortion activity, having been arrested for blockading clinics in Atlanta, Pensacola, Houston, Milwaukee, Madison, Fargo, Buffalo, Vermont, and California. He is known as "Atomic Dog" and prominently mentioned in the Army of God manual, a how-to manual featuring tactics for the disruption and destruction of clinics that includes detailed instructions on bomb-making.

Public and private rewards for information leading to Kopp's arrest presently total \$650,000. Kopp, along with Eric Robert Rudolph, is on the FBI's Top Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List. (*Canadian National Post, Associated Press*)

Public Help Enlisted

Comic Strip to Profile Fugitives

The FBI has invited "Dick Tracy" writer Michael Kilian and cartoonist Dick Locher to profile fugitives from its "Ten Most Wanted" list. Sunday installments of the "Dick Tracy" cartoon - currently running daily in 100 newspapers nationwide - will now profile criminal fugitives including James Kopp and Eric Robert Rudolph. Kopp has been charged with the 1998 murder of Dr. Barnett Slepian in upstate New York. Rudolph is wanted in connection with the 1998 bombing of a Birmingham, AL abortion clinic which killed an off-duty police officer and critically wounded a nurse. (*See related stories page 2/3*)

FBI officials report that the agency has often benefited from public assistance throughout the existence of its "Ten Most Wanted" list, which had its fiftieth anniversary in March. The list was originally designed to generate public attention for fugitives who might not otherwise merit nationwide attention. Individuals placed on the list must have a lengthy criminal record and/or be considered exceptionally dangerous to society. Moreover, the FBI must believe that nationwide publicity will assist in capturing the criminal. In its fifty years, the "Ten Most Wanted" list has featured 458 fugitives and 429 have been apprehended or located.

The average duration of "Ten Most Wanted" profile list is 316 days. Anti-abortion extremists James Kopp and Eric Robert Rudolph have been "Most Wanted" fugitives for 547 days and 810 days respectively. Authorities noted that of the 454 fugitives placed on the list since 1950, 427 or 94% have been captured. (*APBNews.com, Tribune Media Services*)

FBI 10 MOST WANTED

REWARDS TOTALING \$650,000

James Kopp is wanted in connection with the shooting death of Dr. Barnett A. Slepian on the evening of October 23, 1998.



James Charles Kopp

Date of Birth: August 2, 1954

Place of Birth: Pasadena, CA

Sex: Male

Hair: Brown/Red

Height: 5' 10"

Eyes: Blue/Gray

Weight: 150 -175 lbs.

Race: White

Toxin in Suspicious Letter Ruled Negative

On March 6, 2000, the Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties Ocean Beach, CA, clinic received a letter containing an unidentified toxin.

Upon handling the contents of the letter, three clinic staff members reported burning and irritated hands. These staff members received medical treatment from paramedics and later underwent toxicology tests in a medical facility. Follow-up toxicology tests were negative, failing to pinpoint the substance contained in the letter.

The U.S. Postal Inspectors and other law enforcement officials are involved in this investigation.

Task Force Tip Line 800-281-1184

Sniper Attacks/Murders

Amherst, NY • October 23, 1998

Dr. Barnett Slepian was killed by a sniper's bullet through his kitchen window. Slepian worked at Buffalo GYN Women's Services and was the fifth doctor shot by sniper fire in the weeks preceding the Nov 11 Canadian holiday Remembrance Day and the first fatality. Also shot and injured in their homes were: Dr. Garson Romalis of Vancouver on 11/08/94; Dr. Hugh Short of Hamilton on 11/10/95; unnamed doctor in Rochester, NY on 10/28/97; and Dr. Jack Fainman of Winnipeg 11/11/97.

Arsons/Attempted Arsons

Oakland Park, FL • April 15, 2000

A container filled with an accelerant was thrown through the front door of Ft. Lauderdale Women's Clinic. The clinic was closed and the fire was contained to the building exterior.

Greenland, NH • August 2, 1999

Feminist Women's Health Center of Portsmouth was the target of arson. An accelerant was used causing \$12,000 in damage.

Sacramento, CA • July 2, 1999

Choice Medical Group was the target of arson. Firefighters were able to contain the 3:20 am blaze minimizing damage. Benjamin and Tyler Williams indicted.

Albuquerque, NM • April 30, 1999

Planned Parenthood of New Mexico was set on fire by an accelerant which was placed under the clinic's door and then ignited. Repairs had just been completed from the 3/15 explosion. Ricki McDonald was arrested and charged. McDonald had just been released from prison after serving time for arson of a clinic in 1995

Milwaukee, WI • April 2 & March 28, 1999

Summit Women's Health Organization's rear door was set on fire on 2 separate occasions. Peter Quinn, 17, charged with 3/28 attack.

Waukesha, WI • April 1, 1999

A fireplace log soaked with lighter fluid and set on the windowsill of the Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin was ignited. Peter Quinn, 17, charged.

Sioux Falls, SD • March 29, 1999

Planned Parenthood of MN/SD was the target of an arson attack, damage was minimal. Martin Uphoff convicted.

Fayetteville, NC • September 8, 1998

A Molotov cocktail was tossed onto the roof of the Hallmark Clinic at 1:30am. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the roof and ceiling of the building. About an hour later, firefighters were called to the Carolina Women's Clinic where a small fire was set.

Fargo, ND • April 6, 1998

Attempted arson of the Fargo Women's Health Organization between 3-6:00 am. Randall Hanson Convicted.

Riverside/San Diego, CA • April 1, 1998

Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties was firebombed. A white RV was spotted leaving the scene.

San Antonio, TX • January 27, 1998

Attempted arson at the Planned Parenthood of San Antonio Southeast.

Portland, OR • October 19, 1997

An arson occurred at All Women's Health Services. Damages were estimated to be \$5,000.

Tuscaloosa, AL • July 22, 1997

West Alabama Women's Center sustained \$250,000 in damages, after a firebombing gutted the interior of the building.

Portland, OR • May 27, 1997

Lovejoy Surgicenter, a target of protests and violence, was set on fire suffering \$250,000 in damage, after receiving several bomb threats from 5/17-19.

Yakima, WA • May 7, 1997

Attempted arson at Planned Parenthood Central WA's Yakima Family Planning Clinic.

Bozeman, MT • April 2, 1997

Office of Dr. Susan Wicklund was set on fire. John Yankowski sentenced.

North Hollywood, CA • March 7, 1997

A "Molotov Cocktail" was thrown through a window at the Family Planning Assoc. Medical Group causing \$1,000 in damage.

Greensboro, NC • March 6, 1997

The Piedmont-Carolina Medical clinic was set on fire causing \$50,000 in damage.

Falls Church, VA • February 18, 1997

A Falls Church abortion clinic was set on fire causing an estimated \$25,000 in damages. James Mitchell sentenced to 10 years.

Bombings/Attempted Bombings

Cincinnati, OH • January 3, 2000

Two bombs were recovered at Cincinnati Women's Services and Planned Parenthood of Ohio and Northern Kentucky. Officials defused both packages which contained an M-80, 9-volt battery and wiring packaged in a jewelry box with Cincinnati postmarks.

Rapid City, SD • October 8, 1999

A Planned Parenthood clinic was damaged by an explosive device in the early morning hours. The partially exploded device contained an unknown accelerant.

Albuquerque, NM • March 15, 1999

The back door of a Planned Parenthood clinic was destroyed by an explosion.

Asheville, NC • March 11, 1999

A bomb partially exploded outside the Femcare Clinic. The bomb was placed next to the waiting room wall and exploded 30 minutes before the clinic opened.

Fayetteville, NC • October 3, 1998

Two bombs constructed of dynamite and timing devices were disarmed before they exploded at the Hallmark Clinic and the Carolina Women's Clinic. These same clinics were the targets of attempted arson a month earlier.

Birmingham, AL • January 29, 1998

An anti-personnel device packed with nails exploded at the New Woman, All Women Health Care Clinic, killing a security guard and seriously injuring a clinic nurse. The bomb was disguised as a potted plant and detonated by a remote device. The Army of God claimed responsibility in letters sent to media in Atlanta.

Atlanta, GA • January 16, 1997

Two bombs exploded at Northside Family Planning Services. The first bomb destroyed most of the interior of the clinic. The second bomb, an anti-personnel device, was placed near the parking lot and was designed to kill rescue, law enforcement, and clinic staff forced outside the building. Seven were injured in the second blast, including five law enforcement officials. On February 21, a similar double-

bombing was attempted at a lesbian night club. Five people were injured. A letter from the "Army of God" sent to Atlanta news agencies, claimed credit for both the February 21 and January 16 bombings. FBI has charged Eric Rudolph.

Tulsa, Oklahoma • January 1 & 19, 1997

Two separate bomb incidents at the Reproductive Services and Adoption Affiliates clinic. A teenager was convicted in the bombing and his parents were charged.

Threats of Mass Destruction

Nationwide • January 2000

Multiple clinics in at least twenty-one states (AL, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, ME, MI, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT and WI) received anthrax hoax letters. The letters were addressed to each clinic's "Security Director" and were postmarked in Cincinnati, Ohio. All of the white envelopes bore the return address of **ADT Security Consulting**, 2951 E. 38th St. in Indianapolis, IN.

Midwest • June 2-3, 1999

Clinics in Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus, OH received anthrax hoax letters. The letters were all addressed to the clinic's accounting department and the return address was for the Department of Taxation for the affiliated states.

National • February 18-22, 1999

30 clinics received envelopes through the mail containing a message that the recipient had been exposed to anthrax. The letters bore a Lexington, KY postmark and some had return addresses of medical supply companies.

Midwest • October 30-November 2, 1998

Ten clinics received letters claiming "you have just been exposed to anthrax." Clinics in Indianapolis, Scottsburg, Shelbyville, New Albany, IN; Louisville, KY; Knoxville, TN; Wichita, KS; Cleveland, OH all received a 3" x5" envelope postmarked Cincinnati.

Butyric Acid Attacks

Houston, TX • July 8, 1998

4 women's healthcare clinics in Houston were attacked with Butyric acid injuring 8 people.

New Orleans, LA • July 6, 1998

5 women's healthcare clinics in New Orleans were attacked with Butyric acid.

Central Florida/Miami • May 15-23, 1998

10 women's healthcare clinics in the Miami and the central Florida area were attacked with butyric acid in seven days. One of the attacks occurred during business hours.

Arrests/Convictions

Gainesville, FL • January 20, 2000

John Kelly was sentenced to 16 months imprisonment for sending threatening email messages. Last fall, Kelly was convicted of 3 counts of sending threatening interstate communications via e-mail. The conditions of release may include a prohibition of Internet use.

Fargo, ND • October 6, 1999

Randall Hanson was convicted of the April 6, 1998 attempted arson of the National Women's Health Organization.

Sioux Falls, SD • October 5, 1999

Martin J. Uphoff was convicted of setting fire to a Sioux Falls clinic on 3/29/99 and faces up to 21 years in prison. Uphoff previously pled guilty to vandalism at the clinic in 1994.