

# Gary abortionist Scheduled for March 15 Pre-trial Meeting

Gary, Ind. – According to information obtained from the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana, a pre-trial conference will be held at 3:30 p.m. on March 15, 2016 regarding the medical license of South Bend abortionist Ulrich G. Klopfer. This meeting of all pertinent parties will not be open to the public.

Klopfer's case has been removed from the March 24 Medical Licensing Board meeting agenda, pending the outcome of the March 15 meeting. The Indiana Attorney General's office has conducted an ongoing investigation and has filed administrative complaints with the licensing board against Dr. Klopfer's medical license.

Some of the complaints filed against Klopfer include:

- Non-compliance of the informed consent law, which requires the abortionist to provide certain information to the patient at least 18 hours prior to the procedure
- Failure to report the abortions performed on at least two 13-year-old girls, one in Gary and one in South Bend, to the state health department within the required three-day time frame to ensure safety of the patient
- Violations of code regarding administration of anesthesia
- More than 2,400 incomplete, inaccurate and late terminated pregnancy reports.

Additionally, further complaints have recently been filed by Lake County Right to Life, including over medicating a thirteen-year-old child and failure to provide adequate recovery time and to ensure safe transition from the building to the patient's car. St. Joseph County Right to Life has also filed recent complaints, including more than 50 new complaints from 2015 terminated pregnancy reports, including possible cases where abortions may have been performed after the first trimester legal limits.

Abortionist Klopfer performed abortions for decades at the Friendship Family Planning at 37<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in Gary. His facility there was found by the Indiana State

Department of Health (ISDH) and the Gary Fire Department to be filthy, smelly, and to have storage boxes and outdated equipment stacked floor to ceiling in more than one room. Inspections by the ISDH also revealed that his clinic was not staffed with properly licensed workers and that infection control procedures were not being properly followed. Due to these conditions and the fact that he had neither the required hospital admitting privileges nor a back-up physician, Klopfer relinquished his facility license in Gary as of July 1, 2014.

Klopfer was an itinerant abortionist, having three clinics in Indiana – Gary, South Bend, and Ft. Wayne. He is no longer allowed to do abortions in any of these locations. Additionally he was also criminally charged with failure to report, as required by Indiana law, the abortion he performed on thirteen-year-old girls in Gary and in South Bend.

Lake County Right to Life will continue to follow the details as they unfold.

*Lake County Right to Life seeks to support and protect all life regardless of age, health, or degree of dependency*

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