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**D.M. doctor punches pro-life protester**  
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DES MOINES (AP) - A doctor who performs abortions was charged with assault causing injury after he punched a pro-life protester. In the latest episode in a running battle, Dr. Herbert Remer said it was protester David Shedlock who started the fracas out side of Remer's clinic. Shedlock was unavailable for comment.

Shedlock told police that Remer was sticking a camera underneath his protest sign Saturday morning.

Remer said he was taking photos when Shedlock hit him with a protest sign. Remer said he hit Shedlock in the face two or three times. "He started it, and I wasn't going to give him a chance to finish it," Remer said.

Shedlock, a leader of Operation Rescue, has picketed outside Remer's house and clinic, and at the houses of nurses who work for him.

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