

August 11, 1992

I'm pro-choice, but I have to turn to you people for help. I have worked for the Health Department for several years and I could lose my job if my name became known. Some weeks ago a complaint was sent in about an abortion doctor, but as far as I can tell the Health Department is not going to do anything about it, even though what the doctor does is sickening. I had two abortions at his clinic and one of them I was 21 weeks pregnant at the time. I assumed that the remains were properly disposed of and I am upset and mad that he grinded up the fetus. As soon as I was able, I copied the complaint and it is enclosed. If this gets publicized, I plan to check with a lawyer and see if there is any grounds for a lawsuit against Dr. Parks for improperly disposing of my fetus. I doubt if I signed to agree for this type of disposal. I hope you people have a way to expose Dr. Parks for what he is.

June 15, 1992

Colorado Department of Health
4210 East 11th Street
Denver, CO 80220

Subject: Report of violations of regulations covering medical waste disposal or disposal of human anatomical parts

In the Fall of 1989, I contracted with James J. Parks, M. D. to purchase Mayfair Women's Center, an abortion clinic, which has been his medical practice for many years. The agreement was to begin on January 1, 1990, but I spent most of the month of December at the clinic to familiarize myself with clinic procedures and the staff. During this time, I observed Dr. Parks perform abortions and it was obvious that his techniques differed significantly from accepted standards of abortion care practiced in this country. Through several conversations with him, I learned that, even though I was purchasing the clinic, he expected and insisted that I use his techniques, even though I had many years experience. It was obvious to me that I was dealing with a person exhibiting extreme obsessive compulsive behaviour. When I refused to follow his practices, Dr. Parks cancelled the purchase contract and my wife and I moved back to Little Rock.

I filed breach of contract litigation against Dr Parks in an attempt to recover my expenses in moving to Colorado. I have delayed filing this complaint for a long time expecting to wait until after the litigation was over, but there have been several delays in the court date, and I feel my complaint should not be delayed any further.

Dr Parks routinely performs abortions up to 23 weeks pregnancy. Because the fetus would tend to "stop up" the commode in his clinic, for years he disposed of fetal remains in an outside trash container. When "pro-lifers" began searching trash containers of abortion clinics and displaying fetuses and receiving publicity, Dr. Parks devised his current technique of fetal disposal. At the end of each work day, Dr. Parks would assemble an old fashioned meat grinder and use it to grind up the fetuses from that day. I absolutely refused to do this (I couldn't) and this refusal was one of his reasons for cancelling the purchase contract.

I would like to emphasize that I consider this practice a medical waste disposal problem and not an issue involving abortion.

Enclosed with this letter is the following:

- (1) My sworn affidavit concerning his disposal practices.
- (2) Names and addresses of clinic employees who have witnessed this practice
- (3) Copy of excerpt of sworn deposition of Dr. Parks admitting his disposal practice.
- (4) Copy of excerpt of sworn deposition of clinic employees.

In the event that this complaint is investigated further, my wife and I will be willing to provide assistance in any way possible, including testifying in a hearing or in court. My office phone number is (501) 225-3836 and my home number is (501) 228-2223.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C E Stover M.D.".

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Little Rock, AR 72212

enclosures

AFFIDAVIT

At the end of a workday in December 1989, Dr. James J. Parks, the owner of Mayfair women's Center of Aurora, Colorado, demonstrated to me his method of fetal tissue disposal. We went into a utility room that was used for such things as sterilizing instruments. On a countertop were several white plastic buckets, each containing fetuses from about 15 weeks to 22 weeks size. Dr. Parks reached up to a shelf and brought down several pieces of metal that were parts of a meat grinder and placed them on the counter. Next, he assembled the grinder and clamped it to the countertop. As I looked at the grinder, I realized that it was very old and resembled the same meat grinder that my mother used years ago to grind up meat into hamburger meat.

Dr. Parks then began to empty each bucket into the hopper on top of the grinder, and with his left hand pressed the fetal tissue down into the hopper as he turned the handle with his right hand, grinding the tissue. As he did this the tissue oozed out of the end of the grinder like multiple tubes of pink toothpaste. Though I have seen many disturbing and unsightly things in my 20 years of medical experience, I was not prepared for this. I became instantly nauseated and vomited into an adjacent sink. Dr. Parks remarked that I had better be able to do the grinding because none of the other clinic staff would do it.

After all the fetuses were ground up into a large bucket, he dumped the contents into the sink and washed it down the sink with water. Finally, he disassembled the grinder, rinsed it off, and placed it back on the shelf.

At Mayfair Women's Center, this entire procedure was called "emptying the buckets."

C. E. Stover M.D.
Curtis E. Stover, M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me This 15th day of June, 1992

Carolyn F. Gard
Notary public

My commision expires: 6-10-2002

EXCERPTS FROM DEPOSITION OF JAMES J. PARKS, M. D. TAKEN FEBRUARY 4,
1991. ENTIRE DEPOSITION COVERS 163 PAGES, WITH PAGES 124-126
INCLUDED HERE.

happen?

A. Well, it's rare, let's say, because sometimes even the very best operator will make a mistake sometime in his life and underestimate the duration of the pregnancy and have to do more dilation.

Q. Okay.

A. But for a first trimester procedure it should be able to be done with the canula alone.

Q. Okay. All right. Go ahead. You tell her you've finished the procedure, and then what do you do?

A. I ask her if she has any questions, if she wants to look at the tissue -- about -- I would say roughly 15 to 20 percent do want to look at the tissue.

Q. Oh, really?

A. It's sort of a closing-the-door type thing.

Q. And where has the tissue gone? Has it emptied into a bucket, or --

A. It's put into a thing that then goes to a disposal --

Q. Okay.

A. -- a disposal company, and that's for the first trimester ones, yes.

Q. All right. Then what do you do after

you've asked them the questions and so on, what next is done?

A. I tell them that if they have any problems to give me a call, and that I would -- I'm looking forward to seeing them in whatever period of time afterward, and hope that if they have any worries about anything they'll let us know.

Q. Okay.

A. And I tell them when to start their birth control pills.

Q. Okay. When do you start the birth control pills?

A. Depending on the duration of the pregnancy. They can start them either as early as one week from then, two weeks from then, three weeks from then. I feel that's important, not everybody agrees.

Q. Not everybody -- you mean every doctor or every patient?

A. Not every doctor. I think most obstetricians and gynecologists wait an interval commensurate of the duration of the pregnancy.

Q. You feel sooner is okay?

A. Sooner is okay? I don't know what you mean by that.

Q. My mind drifted while you were

answering the question.

A. Mine is drifting too, if you really want to know the truth. I don't know what you need all this information for.

Q. You recommend that they take birth control?

A. Of course.

Q. And that it starts at a time that's commensurate with how long they've been pregnant?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. The tissue is disposed of through a service, did you indicate?

A. It is now. I don't know if it was when Dr. Stover was there or not.

Q. What was the reason for the change?

A. We felt that this -- well, the trouble was that some clinics had experienced people going through their garbage and picking up parts of fetuses and so forth and displaying them. Now, I never did put parts of fetuses in that would be recognizable, we would put -- we'd grind it up and then put it in a container.

Q. Gring it up? How would you grind it up?

A. With a grinder.

DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO
Case No. 90-CV-432

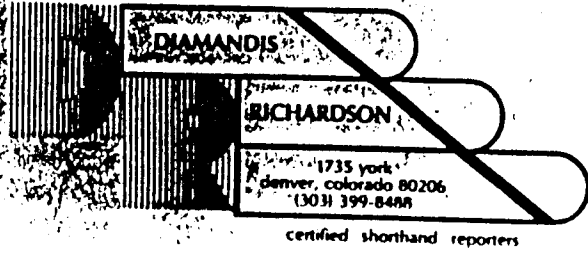
DEPOSITION OF JANIE ALPERN
Taken February 5, 1991

CURTIS E. STOVER, M.D.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES J. PARKS, individually; and JAMES J. PARKS, M.D.,
P.C., a Colorado Corporation, d/b/a Mayfair Women's
Clinic, P.C.,
Defendants and Counterclaimants.

PURSUANT TO NOTICE and the Colorado
Rules of Civil Procedure, the deposition of JANIE
ALPERN was taken at 4643 South Ulster Street, Suite
900, Denver, Colorado, on Tuesday, February 5, 1991, at
8:15 a.m., before Aimee S. Relsinger, Certified
Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public within Colorado.



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1 Q. Do you recall when that point was that
2 he started doing that?

3 A. No.

4 Q. It was before Dr. Stover came out?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And would he -- what was his procedure
7 before that point?

8 A. To do them if he had a question.

9 Q. Okay. Do you recall whether Dr.
10 Stover had a different request or desire with respect
11 to ultrasound?

12 A. I don't recall.

13 Q. How would Dr. Parks dispose of fetal
14 tissue during the period of time Dr. Stover was there?

15 A. He ground it up and disposed of it
16 through a large toilet.

17 Q. Okay. Has that changed recently?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. Do you recall whether Dr. Stover had
20 an objection to that, or whether there was any
21 argument?

22 A. I heard that he did, I didn't see
23 anything.

24 Q. All right. What did you hear was his
25 objection?

1 A. He just couldn't do it.

2 Q. Dr. Stover couldn't do it?

3 A. That was what I heard.

4 Q. Was that a complaint they had about
5 Dr. Stover, that he wouldn't follow that technique?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Do you recall whether Dr. Stover
8 requested the presence of instrument tables in the
9 procedure room?

10 A. He did.

11 Q. Do you know why?

12 A. Because things were on the left side
13 of the room and he's right-handed, or he's left-handed
14 and they were on the right side, it just -- more
15 convenient for him, what he was used to.

16 Q. Okay. Do you feel if instruments were
17 in a different location than you were used to it may
18 make you feel awkward in how you do a procedure?

19 A. Sure, yes.

20 MR. DYMOND: I don't have any other
21 questions.

22 MR. BURG: I have no questions.

23 (The deposition then concluded at 8:50
24 a.m.)

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