## THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

RICHARD J. SERON	)
Plaintiff,	)
VS.	) Civil Action No ) 00CV10317 NG
PLANNED PARENTHOOD	)
FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC., and	)
NATIONAL ABORTION FEDERATION	)
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Defendants.	)
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## MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

Defendants have moved to dismiss the Amended Complaint for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. The grounds for this motion, set forth in greater detail below, are that as a matter of law the conditions of the reward offer alleged in the Complaint were not satisfied.

#### <u>Introduction</u>

This case arises out of plaintiff's ("Seron's") performance of his duties as a security guard at a reproductive health clinic in Brookline (then known as "Preterm") at the time of the widely-publicized events of December 30, 1994, when a clinic employee at that and another Brookline clinic were each shot and killed by John Salvi. Seron claims two separate rewards -- one per death -- for his actions that he alleges led to the arrest of Salvi, who was later convicted of murder at trial, a conviction subsequently vacated when Salvi died while his appeal was pending. An identical claim to Seron's, brought by a security firm at the Virginia clinic where Salvi went

from Massachusetts, was rejected on the ground that the reward offer was contingent upon conviction, and a vacated conviction is not a conviction under the reward offer. Security Consultants, Inc. v. Planned Parenthood Fed. of Amer., Inc., (N.Y.S.Ct. No. 121692/96, slip op., 8/26/97)(copy attached as Ex. 1).

Seron's complaint is in five counts: contract counts (Counts I & II) for each clinic, respectively; a count for substantial performance (Count III); and then the usual counts that accompany a contract claim, namely counts for breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing (Count IV) and for unfair practices in trade or commerce under Mass. G.L. c.93A (Count V). The amended complaint attaches both Seron's chapter 93A demand letters (Exs. I-1 & I-2), and defendants' factual and legal responses and defenses (Exs. J, K, L & M). Certain of those defenses are the subject of the motion to dismiss.

#### The Allegations Concerning the Offer of Reward

The allegations pertinent to defendants' motion are as follows. Seron alleges that defendants in November 1993 "announced ... [a] reward fund to help solve attacks on abortion clinics (¶6), but describes none of the details of this 1993 alleged "reward offer" (*id.*). However, Seron then alleges a specific offer made in September 1994 by defendant NAF: "\$100,000 per incident [reward] for information leading to the arrest *and conviction* of any person responsible for murder or serious acts of vandalism at abortion and family planning clinics" (¶7 & Ex. A, p.3; emphasis added).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defendants do not concede this September 1994 statement by NAF constitutes a "perpetual" reward offer, or an offer with respect to the December 30, 1994 shootings, but the statement is the specific reward offer relied upon in the amended complaint, and is treated for motion to dismiss purposes only as such.

Seron alleges that he was an employee of Preterm, "a part-time facilities worker and a part-time security guard", and that he was "stocking and checking supplies in the storage room" when Salvi entered Preterm and shot an employee (¶¶8-9). Seron "engaged in a shoot out with Salvi at close range", resulting in Salvi "fleeing the building leaving behind" a bag with ammunition, and pistol and gun store receipts (¶10). Seron further alleges that based on the information found in the Salvi's bag, "law enforcement authorities traced" information "that led to the speedy identification and arrest" of Salvi (¶12), and that Seron also served as a "key witness" at Salvi's trial (¶14). Subsequently, Seron claimed a reward, which has not been granted (¶¶16-17, 35-36). Defendants' defenses set forth in its chapter 93A replies (Amend.Compl. Exs J-M) include the defenses that a security guard is not entitled to a reward under Massachusetts law, that under Massachusetts law Salvi's conviction was vacated by reason of death during his appeal, and that his 93A claims are barred by the "trade or commerce" requirement of that statute.

#### The Vacating Ab Initio of the Salvi Conviction

Pursuant to FRE 201, this Court may take judicial notice of Salvi's conviction at trial, death while his appeal was pending, and the subsequent vacatur of his conviction. These facts were and are generally known within the territorial jurisdiction of this Court (Massachusetts), and are also capable of accurate and ready determination by resort to unquestioned sources. *Id.*, Rule 201(b). With respect to general knowledge, attached as Ex. 2 are the front page *The Boston Globe* stories from March 19, 1996 and February 1, 1997 concerning the trial conviction and subsequent vacatur. With respect to unquestioned sources, attached as Ex. 3 is a certified copy of the Norfolk Superior Court docket entries for Salvi's murder indictment, showing the vacatur on January 21, 1997.

#### Argument

#### I. AS A SECURITY GUARD, SERON CANNOT RECOVER A REWARD

In Massachusetts, it has been the law for more than 150 years that an employee's performance of actions that are within the duties of his employment does not entitle him or her to a contract claim for a reward. Poole v. The City of Boston, 5 Cush. (59 Mass.) 219, 220-21 (1849). Accord Kaplan v. Suher, 254 Mass. 180, 184 (1926). This rule reflects Massachusetts public policy that reward offers are not intended to induce people such as security guards to perform the duties of their job, but to induce people to act who otherwise would not do so but for the reward.

The fact that Seron's duties "were split" between security guard work and other work does not mean that his actions vis a vis John Salvi were in any capacity other than as an armed security guard who engaged in the highly publicized "shoot out" with Salvi that apparently drove Salvi away and contributed to his later arrest. Seron was not carrying a weapon in order to stock shelves. He was obviously carrying a weapon solely to facilitate the carrying out of his other duties -- being a security guard. And what he did -- "engage[] in a shoot out with Salvi at close range ... result[ing] in Salvi fleeing the building" (Amend.Compl. ¶10) reflects the essence of what an armed security guard is engaged to do in the most dire circumstances: protect the clinic and its employees and drive an attacker away.

It should be of no moment that security guards are private citizens, not law enforcement officials, and cannot make arrests. Seron was not making an arrest. He was simply protecting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>United States v. Matthews</u>, 173 U.S. 381, 385 (1899) cited <u>Poole</u> for the more limited proposition of no reward for public officers, but <u>Kaplan v. Suher</u>, *supra*, makes no public/private distinction, instead allowing the claim because of the absence of any duty to disclose on the part of the particular employee in question.

the clinic, using the weapon he carried as an armed security guard. He was not asked to "arrest" Salvi, and did not purport to do so.

It should also be of no moment that Seron could have chosen not to "open[] the storage room door and engage[] in [the] shootout" (¶10). Any security guard is entitled to use his or her judgment as to whether to engage in a "shoot out", and defendants do not suggest that Seron automatically had a *duty* to engage in this shoot out. But his duties included the duty to act and make judgments as an armed security guard, necessarily licensed to carry a weapon in Massachusetts, and if in his judgment protection of the clinic required him to take action, as he did, that is still within the scope of his duties. The point of the word "duty" is not that Seron in all circumstances was required to deter attacks, or to deter them with pistol fire, but rather that such action was one of the optional courses of action within the range of actions that he as a security guard might take, and, thus, was within the scope of his duties.

#### II. THE VACATING OF SALVI'S CONVICTION BARS THE REWARD

The vacating of Salvi's conviction at trial while his appeal was pending vacates the judgment of conviction *ab initio*. This principle is firmly established in Massachusetts and elsewhere. *E.g.* Commonwealth v. De La Zerda, 416 Mass. 247 (1993); United States v. Sheehan, 874 F.Supp. 31 (D.Mass. 1994)("death of the defendant pending appeal has consistently been held to abate the prosecution *ab initio*"). This is the precise ground on which the New York Supreme Court (trial court) dismissed a reward claim lawsuit brought by other security guards at another clinic, who also claimed that their efforts led to Salvi's arrest and conviction at trial. Security Consultants, Inc. v. Planned Parenthood Fed. of Amer., *supra* (Ex. 1 hereto).

Because Salvi's counsel successfully moved to vacate the conviction after Salvi's death and while his appeal was pending, there was no "conviction" and the condition precedent to the reward was not met. While the effective "erasure" of Salvi's conviction was certainly not welcomed by the clinics where the murders took place, the Massachusetts rule is long established, and consistent with comparable rules in most if not all of the other states. 80 ALR.Fed 446, 448. "[T]he interests of justice require that [appellee] not stand convicted without resolution of the merits of the appeal, which is an integral part of the system for finally adjudicating guild or innocence." <u>United States v. Oberlin</u>, 718 F.2d 894 (9th Cir. 1983). The legal effect of the vacatur of judgment is the same whether arrived at by successful appeal on the merits or by successful motion to vacate based on death during an appeal.

The reward offer at issue can only be construed to be consistent with these legal principles. The purpose of this reward, or any such reward, is to obtain assistance in achieving a conviction that stands as final in the judicial system, and thus as final to the public (at least insofar as the public accepts judicial finality). Whether a conviction is reversed on appeal, or is subject to a pending appeal not yet decided, or is vacated because of death during an appeal, that conviction in each case is not final. Thus, it is "plain that [the offeror's] object is not attained where, as in this case ... the conviction relied upon is liable to become a nullity." Stone v. Wickliffe, 106 Ky 252, 259 (1899), cited in Security Consultants, Inc. v. Planned Parenthood Fed. of Amer., supra (Ex. 1 hereto).

Moreover, there are any number of reasons why a conviction might be vacated (or "overturned" in lay parlance), ranging from reversible error identified by an appellate court, to actions by a trial court on a variety of grounds. The fact that the conviction was vacated by the trial court because someone died while on appeal is just one ground on which a trial court might

act. Moreover, one cannot presume from the action by the trial court that Salvi could not have raised any appellate issues of any merit. In any event, the judgment of conviction was *vacated*, and no conviction stands.

There are no "fairness" or "public policy" grounds on which this Court might somehow reject this particular vacatur of a judgment of conviction. It is not a relevant public policy matter that Salvi may have avoided having his conviction upheld by suicide. A conviction might be overturned for other reasons deemed "technical" and emotionally unsatisfying by the public at large -- e.g., improper law enforcement action in seizing evidence, or in securing a statement or confession from a defendant. Defendants have found no case in which a court, faced with the situation of a reward conditioned on a conviction and a conviction vacated on appeal due to death, has ever suggested going down the path of deciding which ground for overturning a conviction should or should not "count".

#### III. COUNT V (Mass. G.L. Chapter 93a) SHOULD BE DISMISSED

The Trade or Commerce Requirement of Chapter 93A Is Not Satisfied

The amended complaint fails to alleged that defendants' actions occurred "in the conduct of any trade or commerce", which is a condition precedent for liability under ch. 93A that is set forth in Section 2. <u>Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. v. Problem Pregnancy of Worcester, Inc.</u>, 398 Mass. 480, 490-94 (1986). "Trade or commerce" is defined in Section 1 to mean:

the offering for sale, rent or lease, the sale, rent, lease or distribution or any services and any property ...any security [as defined] ... any contract of sale of a commodity for future deliver, and any other article, commodity, or thing of value ... and shall include any trade or commerce directly or indirectly affecting the people of this commonwealth.

The amended complaint merely describes PPFA as New York corporation, and NAF as "national association" of abortion providers. Nothing is alleged about either of them actually being involved in selling or contacting to sell services or property.<sup>3</sup> Seron does not suggest that either defendant was his employer, or had any corporate connection to his employer, Preterm Health Services (Amend.Compl.. ¶8).<sup>4</sup>

The "trade or commerce" condition for chapter 93A liability is a pleading defect. "[A] Chapter 93A defendant should always explore the possibility that this threshold requirement has not been met, and should assert such failure by way of a motion to dismiss or as an affirmative defense in the answer." *MCLE Chapter 93A Rights and Remedies*, MCLE Supp.-1999, at 6-2.

Poznik v. Massachusetts Med. Prof. Ins. Assoc., 417 Mass. 48 (1994)("Plaintiffs assert that [defendant] is engaged in 'trade or commerce' for purposes of G.L. c. 93A").

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Seron does not allege that either defendant -- one a "federation" and the other an "association" -- itself provides reproductive health care services, in contrast to clinics, which obviously do so.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> He does not identify the other clinic, but it is probably generally know that it was Planned Parenthood League of Mass., Inc., a separate corporation and legal entity from either defendant, and a prominent litigant in its own right in reproductive health cases. *E.g.*, <u>Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, Inc. v Attorney General</u>, 424 Mass. 586 (1997)(minors); <u>Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, Inc. v Blake</u>, 417 Mass. 467 (1994)(clinic blockades).

#### Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, defendants motion to dismiss should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK: IAS PART 49

SECURITY CONSULTANTS, INC.,

Index No. 121692/96

-against-

PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC., /541.1860

Defendant.

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HERMAN CAHN, J.:

Defendant Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. ("Planned Parenthood") moves for an order dismissing the complaint pursuant to CPLR 3211.

This is an action to recover reward monies in the amount of \$100,000 offered by Planned Parenthood in connection with the murders of two female staff workers who were working in two abortion clinics in Massachusetts in December 1994. On December 30, 1994, an individual entered into the Planned Parenthood Clinic and the Preterm Health Services Clinic (the "Preterm Clinic"), both located in or near Brookline, Massachusetts, pulled out a gun and began firing. He killed two individuals and wounded five others (the "Massachusetts shootings").

The complaint alleges that on or about the same day, Planned Parenthood offered a One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollar award for information leading to the conviction of anyone involved in the slayings at the Planned Parenthood Clinic and the Preterm Clinic which occurred on December 30, 1994 (the "Reward Offer").

On December 30, 1994, Lisa Williams and Charles Holmes, Jr.

(the "security guards") were employees of plaintiff, Security

Consultants, Inc ("Security Consultants"). They were stationed

at a location known as the Bel-Aire building in Norfolk,

Virginia. The building housed a clinic, bank, credit union,

jewelry store, and governmental offices. Security services were

provided to the building pursuant to a contract between Security 757

Consultants, Inc. and Great Atlantic, the building owner (the

Security Consultants alleges that subsequent to the shootings in the Boston area, John Salvi III ("Salvi") drove to Virginia and tried to gain access to the clinic which was located in the Bel-Air building. After being deterred by the security guards, Salvi fled the premises in his truck. It is alleged that the security guards, in reliance upon the Award Offer, provided information that led to the apprehension and subsequent conviction of Salvi for the Massachusetcs shootings on March 18, 1996.

The complaint alleges that the information provided by the security guards was "provided under the aegis of Security Consultants, Inc. and was done within the scope of their employment." Security Consultants claims that despite its demand for the reward, the demand remains outstanding.

rollowing his arrest, Salvi was tried and Sentenced to a long prison term. He appealed his conviction. While the appeal was still pending, on November 29, 1996, he committed suicide in his jail cell. On January 21, 1997, the Superior Court of the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts vacated the judgment of conviction and dismissed the indictments against Salvi on the basis that the criminal conviction was abated ab initio due to Salvi's death.

This lawsuit was commenced after Salvi's death.

Planned Parenthood argues that the complaint should be dismissed because (1) the terms and conditions of the reward offer were not satisfied since the conviction was vacated ab initio; and (2) the alleged acceptance of the offer of the reward was not supported by consideration since the security guards were acting within the scope of their employment when they provided the information.

A unilateral contract imposes no obligation upon the promisor until the specific act specified in the offer is performed (Matter of Lord's Will, 175 Misc 921 [Surrogate's Ct, Kings County 1941]. Planned Parenthood's offer of a reward for information leading to the conviction of the person responsible for the Massachusetts shootings and Security Consultant's purported services in procuring the conviction of Salvi constituted a contract which is to be construed by the same rules as any other contract (Greene v Heinrich, 65 Misc2d 622 [App Term 1st Dept], aff'd 38 AD2d 691 [1st Dept 1971]).

It is a fundamental principal of contract law that a valid acceptance must substantially comply with the terms of the offer. The conditions attached to the offer must be met before liability ensues (Roer v Cross County Medical Center Corp., 83 AD2d 861 [2d Dept 1981]). It is also well settled that when the court

interprets a contract, it should arrive at a construction that is reasonable, keeping in mind the purpose of the party offering the reward (Patrick v Guarniers, 204 AD2d 702 (2d Dept), app denied 84 NY2d 810 [1994]; Tantleff v Truscelli, 110 AD2d 240 [2d Dept 1985], aff'd 69 NY2d 769 [1987]). The parties' intention should be determined from the language employed, and where the language is clear and unambiguous, interpretation is a matter of law to be determined by the court (Namad v Salomon Inc., 74 NY2d 751 [1989].

In New York and Massachusetts, as in many states, in criminal cases, the death of the accused pending an appeal from a judgment of conviction abates the prosecution ab initio (Commonwealth v De La Zerdo, 416 Mass 247 (1993); Commonwealth v Harris, 379 Mass 917 (1980); People v Matteson, 75 NY2d 745 (1989); People v Mintz, 20 NY2d 753, 754 (1967); see also, United States v Floyd, 496 F2d 982 [2d Cir 1974], cert denied 419 US 1069 [1974]). This abatement has the effect of entirely eliminating the jury verdict and the sentence of the trial court (Scott v American Express Co., 233 SW 492 [Mo Ct App 1921].

The complaint states that the Reward Offer was "for information leading to the conviction of anyone involved in the slayings at the [clinics]..." (emphasis added). Various courts have held that to entitle a party to an award offered for information leading to the "conviction" of an offender, there must be a final conviction which settles the guilt of the party. and as long as there is an appeal pending, or the defendant diss

pending an appeal, there is no conviction within the meaning of an offer of a reward (Scott v American Express Co., supra; Stone v Wickliffe, 50 SW 44, 45-46 [Ky 1899]).

The court further notes that abatement of a conviction has been held to prevent the recovery against the decedent's estate (United States y Pauline, 625 F2d 684 [5th Cir 1980]); has required the government to forfeit a fine already paid and to reimburse costs back to the estate (United States v Knetzer, 117 F supp 917, 918 (S D Ill 1954)); has required a beneficiary society, which sought to void a member's death benefit because the member had been convicted of a felony, to pay the death benefit to the beneficiaries of the member whose conviction was abated because he had died while his appeal was pending (Baker v Modern Woodmen of America, 121 SW 794 [Mo Ct App 1909]; and has set aside a \$21 million restitution order which was based on a conviction, after the accused committed suicide and the court of appeals abated his conviction (United States v Logal, 106 F3d 1547, 1551-52 [11th Cir 1997], rehearing denied 116 F3d 1495 [1997]),

Although the parties have failed to attach a copy of the actual Award Offer, a plain reading of the language of the offer as alleged in the complaint makes clear that the purpose of the reward offer was to obtain a conviction of the guilty party. That purpose is not attained where, as in this case, the conviction has been declared entirely abated due to the death of the defendant during the pendency of the appeal. As noted in

People v Mintz, gupra, at 771, the rationale for abating an appeal and all proceedings in the prosecution from its inception is that "If [the appeal was] affirmed, the judgment of conviction could not be enforced and, if reversed, there is no person to try. Therefore, the appeal should not be heard but, since it cannot be heard, it can never stand, and this requires that the judgment of conviction be vacated and the indictment dismissed."

Security Consultants is bound by the plain meaning of the Reward Offer, i.e., that the reward would only be paid upon a final conviction. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed as Security Consultant's cause of action never accrued due to the abatement of Salvi's conviction.

In view of the above, Flanned Parenthood's remaining argument need not be addressed.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the motion to dismiss is granted and the complaint is dismissed with costs and disbursements to be taxed by the Clerk upon the filing of an appropriate Bill of Costs; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk is directed to enter judgment accordingly.

DATED: August 14, 1997

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Jury rejects insanity plea in slayings, at two clinics

By John Ellement CLIME STAFF

DEDHAM - Rejecting defense claims that he was insane, a Norfolk County jury yesterday convicted John C. Salvi 8d of first-degree murder ia the Dec. 20, 1994, rampage that left two dead and five wounded in two Brookline reproductive clin-

knees and solved as her husband, John C. Salvi Jr., rubled her back. She later was helped out of the courthouse and was not in court when her only child was sentenced. The jury's vertice explicitly re-SALV1, Fuge 22

#### Off-duty trooper charged with trying to kill woman

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And, in a move that prosecutors protested, a Judge released Downs, sesterday on \$1,500 beil.

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escrives and even use savet manage-t of the courtroom by Judge Barbara ch-Okara, who banned television cover-

and imposed a gag order on both prosecution and defence attorneys, though this order was relaxed on aquest. Durcht-Okara also referenced to allow Start is present bis theories about abortion and anti-Catholic conspirates, saying they were not relevant. "We made every effort not to allow it to become a publical trial, just that justice heme," and William It. Belahunt, district attorney for Norfolk County. "Oliviously, we're not obtivious to the fact there's a context of Starty's actions, De-

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Joseph Reilly, executive director of sea when the season with a level of dignity that hopeful uses altertion, called the trial "a model of term after the Simpson case.

#### Reaction to the verdict

#### GOV. WILLIAM F. WELD

I think the gulky vertict is appropriate, based upon a lot of evidence; first degree is the right response. The families of the vistims are going to be able to have me are ening to be able to have the feeling now that justice is done

#### JOSEPH REILLY

Executive director, achusella l'dizens for Life

that keeps us going. Mr. Salvi's activities totally contradict our pru-life principles. We are joined sudness with the families of the dead people and the wounded people. Mr. Salvi is in no nav connected with us."

#### NICKI NICHOLS GAMBLE

ident, Planned Parenthood of Manuachmetts

We are sure that the jury could clearly see that these murders and maining were the result of planful, premeditated action. While the jury has come as close as possible to justice, true justice will never be done. Shanpon and Lee Ann will jury has come as close as possible to justice, true justice will never be done. Shannon and Lee Ann will sever be with us again. However!, we are confident that our staff will feel less fear knowing that John Salvi is permanently behind hars."

#### BILL COTTER

President, Operation Rescue in Boston

We need to turn our sights to address the lawnskers, which is address the lawmakers, which is where this problem starts. What's Salrd did is a side effect of shortion. We shouldn't be surprised that 22 years of sanctioned violence against the unborn has resulted in a further action of violence. We do condemn and disapprove of Salvi's actions."

#### CHERYL GARRITY

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It Inha Baha haliowed that If John Sahi believed that sourdering women could be righteous, be learned this lesson at the knees of the antiabortion establishment. This trial sharply revealed that the rheturic and the practices of the antialioration recomment programmed this. movement encouraged this rampage, by advacating violence and discounting women's lives. The violence must end."

#### REV. MATTHEW HABIGER

Provident, Human Life International

Throughout the course of the trial, the emphasis has been on the shooting deaths of the two young women who worked at the clinics. And yes, these deaths are tragic. But equally tragic are the thousands of deaths constant ands of deaths occurring trainsarias of weeks every day inside abortion clinics every day. Violence, even in the name of preserving life, can never be justified."

#### KATE MICHELMAN

President, National Abortion Rights Action League

This guilty verdict sends an unmistakable message that.

Americans will neither excuse nor tolerate antichoice violence. Opposition to abortion is not a Opposition to mother than a fact of the commit arson or murder. But, many antichoice leaders encourage such violence."





John C. Salvi 3d is flunked by his attorneys, Janice Bassil and J.W. Carney Jr., as he listens to the jury's

#### Insanity defense fails; judge sentences him to life terms for killing 2 women

cted defence claims that Salvi was a paranoid schizophrenic in the grips of a delusional world view linking the clinics to a conspiracy against Catho-lies when he attacked the Beacon Street clinics.

Instead, the jury embraced Nor-folk County prosecutors contention that Salvi had planned the idlings and conducted them with "extreme atrocity" when he shot Lowney at the Planned Parenthood clinic and then shot Nichola at the Preterm Health Services clinic some 15 min-

The jury came to the determina tion that on the day of the act, he was aware of the criminal responsibility," said juror Albert Frey of

Wrentham.
Norfolk County District Attorney William Delahunt yeaterday called the murders of Lowney and Nichols – and the wounding of five other people – a "massacre." First Assistant District Attorney John Kiylan, who prosecuted the exact Kivlan, who prosecuted the case along with Marianne Hinkle, called the killings an "act of terrorism."

the littings as "set of terrorism."

ISA Attorney Donald Stern, who initially considered presecuting Salvi under federal, Saw that ealis for the death penalty for those who kill at a clinic, said yesterday that he will not bring Salvi to trial – unless his state conviction is overturned on appeal. Salvi, who was an apprentice hardresser ining in a New Hampshire motel ruom at the time of the killings. briefly addressed Norfolk Superior Court Judge Barbara Dortch-Okara hefore she sentenced him.

Dorter-vess.

"I don't have a prepared statement." Salvi began, in what his attorneys asid was an unfiltered
glimpse into the 24-year-old's
thought processes. "But as you
know. I baven't pleaded guilty. I am

welfare state and pro-Catholic labo union. And basically, I'd like the op portunity ... to address the populare" in an interview.

Dortch-Okara then sentenced Salvi to two mandatory life terms in prison, without parole, to be served consecutively for the murders and

consecutively for the nurvers are an additional 3-20 years in prison to be served after the two life terms. Dortch-Okarr's sentence seemed to be what relatives of Salvi's victims—and—one victim hernel!—outpit when they delivered viction-impact statements in the crowied court-based on the server of the server in the control of the server statements in the crowned court-room where they had spent much of the past six weeks hearing faily about Sulvi's mental condition. Ruth Nichols, Lee Ann Nichols' mother, apoke directly at Sulvi, fore-

mother, spoke directly at Sabt, forcing him to break eye contact and stare off as the recounted the first and final works of her only daughter. Lee Ann Nichols was shot I0 times as Sabt shouted, "This is what you get, Pray the rosary," "When Lee Ann was a small tably, her first, words were, "Me chase the birdies, Mormay," And her

chase the birdies, Monny, And her heat words were her screaming 'no, no, no' as you pumped 10 hullets into her," said Ruth Nichola. "You were a little man with a big gun ... I hope you have sheer misery every day of

your Bic."

Liam Lowney, the younger brother of Shannon, spoke on behalf of his parenta, William and Joan, and stater, Meghane. Liam, who was in court for each of the trial days along with his parenta, poetically described his lost abiling who loved languages and music and was committed to peaceful resolution of dispatice. "We miss her musical soot," when the missiand was committed to each of the missiand properties and music allowed to the missiand properties. "We miss her musical soot," Anjana Agrawal was the only survivor to speak. Agrawal was standing next to Lawney when Salvi

Planned Parenthond, pulled out his 22-caliber rifle, and began shooting. Lowney was struck twice in the threat, Agrawal was shot in the back

throat, agreem was root in the back as wher an for safety.

With a bullet still ludged in her body hetween her heart and spine—
"I feel it with every broath I take"—
Agrawal said that her life was attract upside down by the shouting and that she has become a fearful person where once she would easily stroll among mud huts in an African

"The amount of pain and suffering that this slogic, arrantingly pathetic human heing caused," abe said
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filmess. Defence, psychiatrists said
Said vis a paranoid schizophrenic.
Carney said he believed "feat" of
mental illness and the uncertainty
that Saidvi could one day he released
drove the jury to reject the evidence

"We represented a young man who had no idea what was going on in this trial," Curney said. "The trial awirled around him, and even right

swirled around him, and even right now, in speaking with him upstairs, he has no idou what happened."

From the testimony of 111 witnesses, prosecutors justined a picture of an antiahortion exole who was treat with activals not doing enough against the medical practice. Salv, who appeared at two prayer vigils outside Planned Parenthood in the spring 1994, moved to New Hamplahire where he purchasped a 10-shot



John Salvi Jr. comforts his wife, Ann Marie, after a jury found their son guilty on two counts of murder.

#### The victims

John C. Salvi 3d was convicted yesterday of first-degree murder in the shootines at two women's health clinics in Bruokline Dec. 30, 1994.

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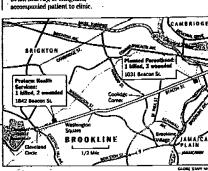
Lowney was engaged to marry David Keene. A graduate of Boston College, she was a feminist who believed in the right to an abortion, her

family has said WOUNDED Anjana Agrawal, of Cambridge, medical assistant. accompanied a patient to clinic Brian Murray of Hingham,

Nichols lived in Salem, N.H., with her boyfriend, Edward

She previously another clinic in Brookline. (Shown here in a 1970s yearbook

At Preterm Health Services Jane Sauer, of Cambridge, office Richard J. Seron, of Quincy.



22-caliber rifle with a pistal grip on Oct. 11, 1994.

He brought more than 1,200 munds of ammunition and taped two 50-round clips together so that he had 100 builets in his rifle when he had 100 builds in his rittle when he attacked. One day before, he prac-ticed shooting at close range. He was identified when a receipt from the range was found in a duffel hag stuffed with ammunition that Salvi left behind at Freterm. Salvi was ar-rested on Dec. 31, 1954, after he shot up an abortion clinic in Norfolk, Va.

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also raised a paper cup in a salute to a witness who threatened to "get him" because Salvi had shot in his direction outside the Preterm clinic

As he was being sentenced yeterday. Salvi wore the same basic outfit he has since his trial began on Feb. Sa blue suit, white shirt, tan pants - and a bulletproof vest.

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#### PARCELLS **BOWS OUT**



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Price to pay. The New York Join had best un-derstand that if they want the services of Bill Percells pext sesson..it. will cost them at least the No. 1 draft pick. E1.

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Bill Parcells arrives at Faxbore Stadium vesterday for his press conference to assessme he's quitting as Patricia coach.

## Judge clamps down on Simpson jury

#### Tightens restrictions after 1 dismissed

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#### **US** plans Colombia drug rebuke

By David L. Marcus ...

WASHINGTON - After weeks being on the verge of praising Co-mbia publicly for the antidrug et-ria, the Cinton administration has ceided instead to send the country strong rebuke, officials said yester-

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For the second year in a row, the blinds said, the administration will fluor Colombia on a list of interna-tional partales, including Syrius and Nigerta. That would be a blow 10 finertha's most important partner in the fight agriant occaine traffs at a time when Colombia is reging from illitude amonths and reversion. litical acandala and a recession.

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The decision on Colombia follows DRUGS, Page A6

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GEORGE BOWMAN, Burdon banker

### A part of Americana loosens up

Conservative clothier Brooks Brothers goes a bit casual

By Strange C. Ryan

Brothers – the "goldlather of American style" – is gotting a makeover.

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## Lobbying nets heat aid funds for region

Mass. gets \$7.6m for families

By John M. Biers

WASHINGTON — Responding to extense lobbying by the New England congressional delegation, the White House yesteritay subhorized the release of \$210 million in emergency heating fluids autionwide, including \$7.6 million for Massachutetta.

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Charges voided on technicality

By John Ellement. ..

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six men. Nine of the panelists are white; one Hispanic, one Asian and one Jamaican-born man of black and Asian parent-

"I will order you not to watch television, not to listen to the radio, not to read a newspaper... while you are still on this case deliberating," the judge told the jurors yesterday He also ordered them to advise family members and friends not to mention the case to them, and asked them to have someone screen their calls and their mail to prevent anyone from contacting them about it.

"It's unfortunate that we have come to this pass, but sometimes in a long trial... things sometimes unravel," Fujisaki said: "I'm trusting in you to follow the court's order so that it doesn't unravel."

The immediate impetus for Fujisaki's action - which he took after a highly unusual meeting with several other judges - was that the dismissed juror. Rosemary Caraway, might discuss her opinions or the jury deliberations with the media. Fujisaki appealed to "responsible" journalists not to endanger the case by conducting or airing such interviews.

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Norfolk Superior Court, Judge Barbara Dortch-Okara, who presided at Salvi's trial and sentenced him to

life in prison after a jury convicted him, voided the indictments and convictions on Jan. 21 at the request of Salvi's appellate attorney, James Sultan.\*

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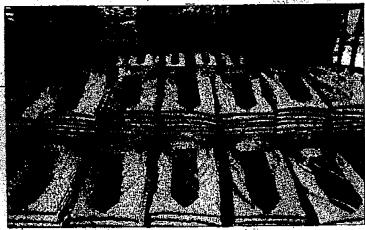
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## f Americana loosens up

clothier Brooks Brothers goes a bit casual



GLOBE STAFF PHOTO / DAVID L. RYAN

Salesman Michael McDonald arranges colored shirts and styled ties, part of a new line of clothing, in the Brooks Brothers store in Boston.

fuchsia, and orange ties; bright yelków and royal blue handkerchiefs; and the once-unheard-of pairing of checkered shirts with striped ties – all enough to make a Boston lawyer blanch. Casual wear sports giant "B B — 1818" logos, much like Tommy Hilfiger's. And in women's wear. Brooks is now offering

suede jackets and velour tops in pastel

Sure, consumers can find bright yellow ties and giant logo sweatshirts in every Macy's. But given Brooks Brothers' history, beginning in 1818 as "the birthplace of a vestmental tradition that has

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some part of Americana," as s chronicler puts it, even incrental changes there are radical. lath Mellet, who was hired as retailer's first design director t 14 months ago, recalls that first impression of the clothier 3 as a "wonderful mausoleum," mpting him to wonder, "What e I gotten myself into?

Customer reaction to the mges has been mixed, and not t along predictable age lines. orge Bowman, a 51-year-old ston banker, likes the new k. "In my mind's eye, it's younand brighter-looking," says wman. "There's some polish

But Gregg Wilson, a 41-yearattorney from Westwood, iks the bright colors are too ky for his profession. "For me, a little too much."

It's a sign of the times that an 1 like Brooks Brothers has sened its buttoned-down im-. As more men and women ss more casually for work, er consumers want a closet of blue, black and gray suits I white shirts.

Moreover, many baby mers - Brooks Brothers' largcustomer pool now that older tomers are retiring - want the temporary looks of designers m their generation (Calvin in, Joseph Abboud, and Perry

"We want to broaden our cusner base. We have very loyal derl customers who've been opping here for years. But by boomers have an image in ir minds that Brooks Brothers stodgy," Mellet says. "We have update everything in our stores make them more exciting."

Brooks Brothers' changes, nich began about 18 months o, do not represent a complete insformation. The retailer still ers plenty of blue pin-striped its and crisp white shirts. But to some longtime custom-

s who grew up shopping at the ore, even subtle changes are amatic and unwarranted. brooks Brothers has turned its ick on its heritage," complains ian Flusser, a New York designwho created Michael Douglas's peccable wardrobe for his role Gordon Gekko in the 1987 ovie "Wall Street," Flusser, 51, is shopped at Brooks Brothers or almost 40 years, and his faier, Marty, shopped there for jost of his life as well. "When I rew up, Brooks was the only lace you could go to learn about iothes and how to put them toether. ... Now the clothes and

colors they're showing are devoid, of taste."

Flusser critiques Brooks Brothers in his recent book. "Style and the Man: How and Where to Buy Fine Men's Clothes," charging that its suits are now "mere shadows" of the past, that its hosiery is ordinary and that its classic shirt collars have been discontinued.

While implementing changes throughout 1996, Brooks Brothers' sales have risen, and it has made a profit. A subsidiary of Marks & Spencer plc of London, the retailer reported that operating profits rose to \$1.7 million in September, compared with a loss of \$4 million in the same period a

To implement its makeover, Brooks Brothers two years ago hired Joseph R. Gromek, the former general merchandise manager at Ann Taylor, as president and chief executive. In November 1995, the company hired Mellet, formerly design director at Fenn Wright & Manson, a contempo-

#### Brooks Brothers has turned its back on its heritage.'

ALAN FLUSSER New York designer

rary clothing wholesaler in New

To become consumer-friendly, Brooks Brothers is remodeling its 68 US stores (including five in Massachusetts), displaying ties on tables and shirts on forms, with color-coordinated sweaters and sports coats. Shirt selections have been expanded to include dark blue, burgundy, turquoise and even sea-foam green.

In its suit department, the company introduced "wardrobing," selling jackets and trousers separately to ensure a proper fit. It created wool suits with a stretch quality for greater comfort and fewer wrinkles. And it added a more fashionable threebutton jacket, in addition to the traditional two-button jacket.

In its women's-department, which is fairly small, Brooks Brothers has shortened skirts, tucked in jacket waists and added more casual Lycra knit tops, suede jackets, shiny silk shirts and even bright orange winter any "past, present or future cases," but Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick said the government will report. All four await a final determi-

supervisors whose work officials said was criticized in the still-secret draft

City bombing trial, set to begin March, and Grassley has questio

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of their conviction reviewed on appeal before it is considered legally final and binding. John Salvi never had that opportunity."

Ruth Nichols, whose daughter. Lee Ann, was shot 10 times by Salvi in one of two clinics he attacked in Brookline in 1994, yesterday said she was "outraged" by the ruling and angered that Sultan would seek

"That piece of paper wipes his slate clean," she said of Dortch-Okara's order, "I have a piece of paper that tells me she had to have an autopsy after he pumped 10 bullets into her. They had to take her body apart. I can't wipe her autopsy clean. It's there. And so should his conviction be there."

The parents of Salvi's second victim, Shannon Lowney, could not be reached for comment. Nicki Nichols Gamble, president of the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts for whom Lowney worked, yesterday was stunned that Salvi's criminal record has been expunged but viewed it as "minor footnote" in the context of what Salvi did.

"I think it's really important to remember that although the families of the victims are never going to achieve real peace, the conviction and the sentencing did as much as could be done to help them achieve a position of peace," Gamble said. From my point of view, absolute justice was done in that trial and there can be no doubt about that.'

Sultan said Salvi's parents, John and Ann Marie, were "thrilled" to learn that Dortch-Okara had approved the motion, which Sultan said vindicates" Salvi's memory. He said the request to erase Salvi's convictions was not designed to help the Salvis if they sue the state as a result of their son's suicide in prison.

"I don't think this has any practical effect or legal consequence other than to give them some peace of mind as they grieve for their son,"

Sultan said they had planned to argue to the SJC that Salvi was mentally incompetent and should never have been tried. He said he also would have argued Salvi should have been found not guilty by reason of insanity, an argument the Norfolk Superior Court jury rejected.

Those were critical issues in this case and those were the issues which our state supreme court will never

have an opportunity to review." Sultan said. "Nobody has, from day one, ever contested the fact that John Salvi killed these innocent individuals. That was a terrible thing."

Norfolk District Attorney Jeffrey Locke, who was not in office during the Salvi case, said yesterday he was confident the SJC would have found that Salvi was given a fair trial and would have upheld his convictions. Salvi's suicide, he said, prevents the SJC from looking at the case. "The final injustice committed by Salvi is denying the public that review," Locke said.

He also said Dortch-Okara was bound by prior SJC decisions and that the US Supreme Court follows a similar practice of voiding convictions where they have not been reviewed by an appellate court. "It's truly a quirk, very rarely encountered," Locke said.

While Salvi now has a clean legal record, Locke said Salvi will never be able to avoid his place in history as the author of the single worst act of violence committed against a clinic that provided abortions.

He said the questions of Salvi's mental state were raised in his trial: Those were issues that were fully and fairly aired in the Superior Court and were thoughtfully considered by 12 people," Locke said. "The judgment of the jury will remain in the public arena for all time."



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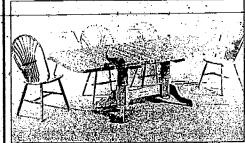
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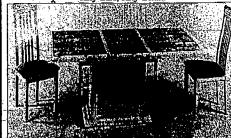
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