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SUMMARY: Brenda Banks, age 35, bled to death on October 1, 1989 after an abortion performed by Llewelyn Crooks at Hillcrest Women's Surgi-Center in Washington, DC.

Brenda Banks was 35 years old and 13 weeks pregnant when she went to [Hillcrest Women's Surgi-Center](#) in Washington, DC, for a [safe, legal abortion](#).

The abortion was performed by [Llewelyn Crooks](#) on September 30, 1989.

Brenda went into shock, and was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Doctors performed an emergency hysterectomy and transfused Brenda with 20 units of red blood cells, to no avail. She died the following day, October 1, 1989.

Brenda's uterus had been perforated and several major blood vessels had been cut or severed entirely.

Her survivors were unable to collect damages from Crooks and Hillcrest because Crooks' insurance company was insolvent, and Hillcrest carried no insurance.

I have been unable to determine if the Hillcrest where Brenda had her abortion is affiliated with the Hillcrest in Pennsylvania where [Kelly Morse](#) had her fatal abortion.

Sources: District of Columbia Superior Court; "Woman died after abortion at Hillcrest in D.C.," Defend Life, March-April 2001