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### Ben Graber: lawmaker abortionist who performed abortion on sexually abused child with no report

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Ben Graber is an abortionist who in 1988 examined and performed an abortion on a 10-year-old girl whose father brought her in pregnant. A Democrat lawmaker at the time, Graber, who ran the Women's Awareness abortion clinic in Coral Springs at the time, never filed a report on the child for possible sexual abuse. Graber has been active in politics and has served in several capacities as a lawmaker in the state for Florida.

In 1988 South Florida abortionist Benjamin Graber, examined a 10-year-old girl whose father brought her in pregnant.

Graber performed an abortion on the child and returned her to the father who was later accused of raping her.

Despite mandatory reporting laws in the state of Florida, Graber did not inform the state of the possibility of incest at the time of the abortion, according to news reports.

## Lawmaker blasted for not reporting possible abuse

State Rep. Ben Graber, a Coral Springs gynecologist, should resign as a lawmaker for not reporting suspected child abuse in the case of a pregnant 10-year-old, protesters say.

The Coral Springs Democrat performed an abortion on the girl, now 12, two years ago. Her father was arrested early this month on charges of sexually abusing her and her sisters.

"I think it's terrible for a doctor to not report something like that," said Del Landis of Margate, one of 50 protesters who gathered outside Graber's office on Saturday. "I don't think he should hold the kind of job he has now under these conditions."

The protesters contend Graber should have been suspicious of child abuse and should have reported it to proper authorities.

## Doctor-lawmaker queried in abortion on 10-year-old

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — Prosecutors are investigating whether Dr. Benjamin Graber, a state lawmaker, violated Florida law by failing to report performing an abortion on a 10-year-old girl who may have been sexually abused.

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"It was not an obvious case of child abuse," Graber said. "She came in with her mother. It was legal. It was out front. There were no signs of abuse."

The group presented a petition with 750 signatures to the Broward County state attorney's office asking prosecutors to file charges against Graber.

But Dave Casey, spokesman for

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the state attorney's office, said pressure from the group will make no difference in how prosecutors decide to proceed.

Graber, 40, went to the police last month after learning the girl's father had been accused of abusing the girl and three other daughters.

## Prosecutors investigate abortion case

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Officials were never notified of the suspicion of abuse by Graber but found out only when hospital ER physicians examined the sister of the 10-year-old that Graber aborted who was taken to the emergency room for medical care.

By the time child protective services reached the children ( ages: 12,10,8 and 7 ) news reports indicated that the father had allegedly molested most of them.

This was two-years after the father brought the pregnant 10-year-old to Graber, for the abortion.

Joanne Richter, executive director of the Broward County Sexual Assault Treatment Center stated to the press that Graber should have been aware of the possibility of sexual abuse and called authorities.

Graber **never** faced any charges for failing to report the sexual abuse of this child. Some believe that his connections as a Florida State House Representative at the time played a role in the decision to not prosecute.

Graber has avoided penalties from abortion malpractice lawsuits as well:

## Teen-age girl loses suit against doctor who performed abortion

FORT LAUDERDALE — An 18-year-old woman who had an abortion two years ago at a Fort Lauderdale clinic has lost her suit against the doctor who performed the operation.

A Broward Circuit Court jury Wednesday afternoon reached a verdict in favor of Dr. Benjamin Graber and Sigma Reproductive Health Center Inc.

Graber, medical director at the clinic, said the verdict "sets a precedent that a normal complication of abortion should not be considered malpractice."

However, Denise Johnson said the complication — an incomplete abortion, where the entire fetus is not removed during the operation — was one she didn't completely understand beforehand, although she was advised of the possible risk.

Ms. Johnson said the doctor gave her an examination and told her " 'you're on the borderline. I said, 'What does that mean?' He said, 'You're 12 weeks, you're on the borderline.' He asked me if I wanted to go through with it."

Ms. Johnson said she then OK'd the procedure. But her attorney, Karen Holmes, said the fetus was really as old as 14 to 18 weeks.

Years later, when abortionist Benjamin Graber decided to close one of his Graber Gynecological Affiliates medical offices in Pompano Beach, Florida where he performed abortions, he sought out another doctor to sub-lease the office, because he was still under a lease contract with the owners.





Graber arranged to sublease the office to another abortionist by the name of Vladimar Rosenthal who owned the Today's Women's Medical Centers (abortion clinics) in South Florida.



The Miami Herald had earlier reported that several former employees of Rosenthal went to the Herald complaining that the conditions at Rosenthal's clinics were not good for patients. The employees showed the paper records that Rosenthal was paying them commission to sell anesthesia at the door. The state inspected Rosenthal's abortion clinic and found several obscene pictures of unconscious women with their legs apart belonging to Rosenthal's male nurse.

Employees said they were fired when Rosenthal was told that they had complained about the conditions at the clinic to the National Abortion Federation.

Despite the fact that the above allegations were reported in South Florida newspapers, and on record with the State Department of Professional Regulations, Graber chose Rosenthal to sublease his office. In a letter explaining to the owner of the building why Graber chose to sublease the facility to Rosenthal, Graber described Rosenthal as, "an excellent tenant who has been successfully in practice for a number of years."

In 1988, [Graber](#) was elected to the Florida House of Representatives, where he became Deputy Majority Leader of the House. His colleagues elected him vice chair of the Broward Legislative Delegation in 1990 and chair in 1991. In the Legislature, he chaired the Joint Legislative Information Technology Resources Committee, the Health Care Committee, the Subcommittee of Lottery and Gaming Regulated Industries Committee and the Subcommittee on Oversight on Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Since these incidents, Graber has been elected as a Broward County Florida Commissioner and served as the 2005-2006 Mayor of Broward County. He lost a bid for a Florida State Senate seat in 2006 but says he is not through with politics yet. House colleagues say that in the clubby world of the Legislature, Graber was an outsider because you couldn't tell what position he would take. His bills sometimes suffered because of it.

In 2010 Graber [ran](#) for the [United States Congress](#) as a Democrat.

“He was a maverick. He often did his own thing [to his detriment],” recalled former state Rep. Jack Tobin, D-Margate.

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