



Abortionist Steven Chase Brigham as he was being arrested for murder in December 2010.

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Questions raised over 'horrific' Yelp reviews of DC center advertising late-term abortions

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 1, 2019 (LifeSiteNews) – Speculation is brewing over another “house of horrors” in the nation’s capital after the sharing of Yelp reviews for Capital Women’s Services (CWS) on social media.

“Our highly-trained team of professional physicians, nurses, and healthcare team members offer extraordinary care in a manner that respects the wishes of each patient,” the center’s website claims. A page specifically dedicated to late-term abortions advertises abortions “up to 36 weeks under certain circumstances, such as for fetal or maternal indications” including “birth defects.”

Qualifying “maternal indications” are not specified, but *Roe v. Wade*’s companion ruling *Doe v. Bolton* establishes that in the context of abortion, “health” must include factors such as “physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman’s age.” The page claims all of its abortionists have hospital admitting privileges.

On Thursday, *National Review* writer Alexandra DeSanctis tweeted screenshots of Capital Women’s Services’ feedback on the business review site Yelp, which she called “eerily reminiscent of (Philadelphia abortionist Kermit) Gosnell’s house of horrors.”

The screenshot shows a tweet from Alexandra DeSanctis (@xan_desanctis) dated Jan 31, 2019. The tweet contains two screenshots of Yelp reviews for Capital Women's Services. The first review, by Yasmine R. from Silver Spring, MD (7/1/2018), is a one-star review with the text: "This place should be closed. Filthy, unprofessional, unorganized, overcrowded. When I say filthy I mean the trashes were overfilled with waste materials in the operating rooms. Medical facilities should be spotless and sterile. This place was just disgusting. The staff has to be the worst staff in America. The doctor and owner should be ashamed of himself and should be stripped of his medical license and disbarred. He was creepy as hell. The nurses were eating chicken near the medical equipment and literally complaint the whole time. "2 more and we can get the hell home". No empathy for the terrified women in the room. 8 hour wait times despite scheduled appointments. Please run and don't come here!!!!". The second review, by Ha R. from San Francisco, CA (1/28/2019), is also a one-star review with the text: "This place is horrific. DO NOT GO HERE. I had a truly awful experience. I don't understand how can run such a terrible place. Crowded, dirty, no w/h water. They somehow made be believe that gettin medical abortion was a good idea. I later came to fin that they use a super outdated protocol which cause to have an incomplete miscarriage... suffice it to say i a FUCKING NIGHTMARE. This place should be shut". Below the reviews, the tweet text reads: "Capital Women’s Services, an abortion clinic in Washington, D.C., is advertising late-term abortion procedures *up to 36 weeks* on its website. The Yelp reviews are eerily reminiscent of Gosnell’s house of horrors. [capitalwomensservices.com/LateTermAborti...](https://www.capitalwomensservices.com/LateTermAborti...) 568 9:27 PM - Jan 31, 2019". At the bottom of the tweet, it says "597 people are talking about this".

The center has one star out of five based on three one-star “Recommended Reviews,” all of which are intensely negative.

“This place should be closed and banned from operation! I had the most terrifying experience when the main nurse practitioner MID PROCEDURE ANSWERED HER CELL PHONE. ... and to make matters worse it was her sister calling regarding a bra sale that was going on!” user Brittany M. wrote in October 2018, adding that another nurse openly declared “I hate this place” in her presence.

“In the waiting room, there was a lady who ran out in tears afterwards with her spouse cussing and crying saying they didn't listen to her or answer her questions, and that this place was a shithole,” she continued, “only for me to understand her EXACT sentiments minutes later!”

A review from Ha R., dated earlier this week, says her experience was “truly awful.” She describes the center as “crowded” and “dirty” without windows or water. “They somehow made me believe that getting a medical abortion was a good idea,” Ha writes. “I later came to find out that they use a super outdated protocol which caused me to have an incomplete miscarriage.”

The third review, from Yasmine R. last July, says the “filthy, unprofessional, unorganized, overcrowded” abortion facility “should be closed.”

“When I say filthy I mean the trashes were overfilled with waste materials in the operating rooms,” she continues. The staff has to be the worst staff in America (...) The nurses were eating chicken near the medical equipment and literally complain the whole time. ‘2 more and we can get the hell home.’ No empathy for the terrified women in the room. 8 hour wait times despite scheduled appointments.”

There are two other reviews listed as “not currently recommended,” one from someone who doesn't appear to be a patient and is just objecting to their advertising late-term abortions, and another who claims her experience was “wonderful” and “very professional.” Yelp claims it recommends reviews on the basis of whether its software determines its writer to be “helpful” and “reliable,” and how many reviews he or she has contributed.

Online reviews aren't the only cause for concern surrounding CWS, however. In 2017, Operation Rescue identified it as having been “quietly” established by Steven Chase Brigham, who has been dubbed the “worst abortionist in America” for his record of having his medical license revoked in multiple states and multiple prior locations forced to close for health and safety violations.

Operation Rescue reported last year that CWS' abortionist was Myron Rose. A CWS press release purporting to dispel unspecified “rumors and false information” claims “Capital Women's Services was founded by our Medical Director, Dr. Rose.” But it neither mentions Brigham by name nor expressly denies any specific claims, and its “Meet Our Medical Director” page identifies him only as “Dr. M. Rose,” curiously omitting his full first name.

