



An anti-abortion activist holds a model of a fetus during in a file photograph. (Mandel Ngan/AFP/Getty Images)

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# Doctor Who Had Fetal Remains in Home Performed Abortions on 10-Year-Old, 13-Year-Old

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The [doctor who had thousands of fetal remains at his house](#) performed abortions on girls as young as 10 years old.

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Dr. Ulrich Klopfer died on Sept. 3. An attorney representing his family told authorities they found the fetal remains while looking through his house in [Illinois](#) after the death.

Approximately 2,246 medically preserved remains were found.

Klopfer, who used to perform abortions in Indiana, once performed abortions on a 10-year-old girl and a 13-year-old girl.

On September 12, 2019 at approximately 3:30pm, the Will County Coroner's Office received a telephone call from an attorney representing the family of Dr. Ulrich Klopfer who passed away on September 3, 2019. The attorney informed the Coroner's Office that while going through the doctor's personal property they discovered what appeared to be fetal remains and requested that the Will County Coroner's Office provide proper removal. The Coroner's Office contacted the Will County State's Attorney's Office and the Will County Sheriff's Office regarding the information conveyed by the attorney.

Will County Sheriff's Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators and representatives from the Will County Coroner's Office arrived at an address in unincorporated Will County. Personnel were directed to an area of the property where 2,246 medically preserved fetal remains were located. The Will County Coroner's Office took possession of the remains.

The family is cooperating fully with this investigation. There is no evidence that any medical procedures were conducted at the property. This is an ongoing joint effort investigation by the Will County Coroner's Office, the Will County Sheriff's Office and the Will County State's Attorney's Office.

Further information will be provided when appropriate. -end-

A statement about the fetal remains being found. (Will County Coroner's Office)

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Klopfer testified during a hearing triggered by a complaint filed by the Indiana Attorney General's Office and told those present that he performed an [abortion](#) on a 10-year-old girl who was raped by her uncle.

He said he let the girl go home with her parents, who were aware of the rape but did not want the uncle prosecuted.

Several members of the Indiana Medical Licensing Board brought it up in the final discussion before

they took Klopfer's license in 2016, reported the [South Bend Tribune](#).

Board members also said they were disturbed that Klopfer didn't give pain medication to all women, only automatically to those under the age of 16 and then to adults who could pay him extra money. When he did give the medication to women, his staff weren't qualified to follow best practices for the drugs.

Besides the 10-year-old, the board found that Klopfer failed to report a second abortion on a girl under the age of 14. Klopfer originally stopped performing abortions in Fort Wayne in 2014 when he failed to meet the county's laws, and the last of his three clinics closed in 2015.

Klopfer said he had never lost anyone he performed an abortion on and his attorney said the case was about documents, not medical care.

"He provided good medical care for his patients and did his best to follow the law," Mary Watts told the Tribune. "It's a question of documentation."

The St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office brought a misdemeanor charge against Klopfer [in 2014](#) for allegedly failing to properly report an abortion performed on a 13-year-old who was raped.

Indiana law requires such an abortion to be reported within three days.

The charge was eventually dismissed by prosecutors. Klopfer agreed to pay fees and other court costs, perform 24 hours of community service, and not commit a crime for a year.



An ultrasound is performed in an illustration photograph. (Illustration – Shutterstock)

## Abortion Competition

According to a 1978 Chicago Sun-Times report ([pdf](#)), Dr. Ming Kow Hah and Klopfer would compete to see who could perform abortions the fastest while working at the Chicago Loop Mediclinic in the 1970s.

“When Hah is here, Klopfer really zips,” a nurse said at the time. “Hah marks the patients on his leg, and if Klopfer sees that Hah’s got a leg full, he goes like wildfire to catch up.”

“They compete to see who can get the most patients done,” another nurse added. “They’ll ask each other, ‘How many have you done?’ or they’ll ask the staff how many the other guy has done.”

“Klopfer would be having a cup of coffee and be on his last sip when he’d jump up and say, ‘I’d better get going or Hah will have the whole recovery room full,’” the ex-Loop nurse said.

Hah was accused of performing abortions without anesthetic, which was “a sadistic approach to medicine,” gynecologist Dr. David Zbaraz told the paper.

Hah lost his license in 1992 and had his license revoked in at least one other state. His license was suspended multiple times.

Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-Ind.) said in a 2017 letter ([pdf](#)) to the state health commissioner that state records showed “annual abortions have dropped nearly 50 percent since Dr. Ulrich Klopfer’s South Bend abortion facility was terminated for committing health and safety violations in 2015.”

“Furthermore, the annual abortion rate for Indiana as a whole has dropped for eight consecutive years,” she added.

## **Right to Life**

Pro-life groups reacted to the findings of the fetal remains at Klopfer’s home.

“We are horrified by the reports of over 2,000 fetal remains being found on the property of Dr. Ulrich

Klopfer, a man who operated abortion facilities in Gary, South Bend, and Fort Wayne,” Mike Fichter, president of Indiana Right to Life, said in a statement.

“These sickening reports underscore why the abortion industry must be held to the highest scrutiny. We are calling on Indiana authorities to join in the investigation to determine if these fetal remains have any connection to abortion operations, or personnel, in Indiana.”

Former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson said that the findings highlighted the darkness of the industry.

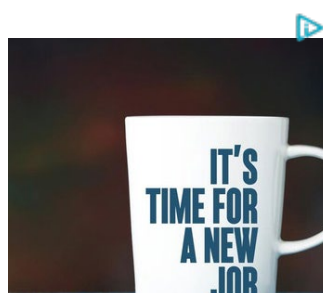
“This abortion doctor died not long ago ... and look what they found,” she said in a statement.

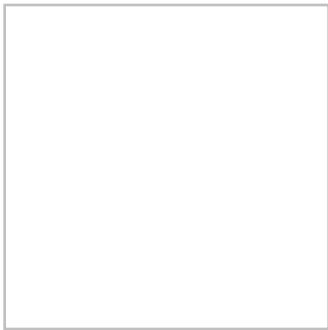
“Evil always hides secrets, and there is nothing more evil than abortion.”

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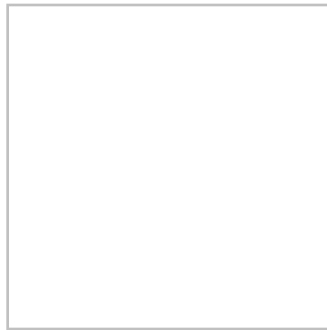
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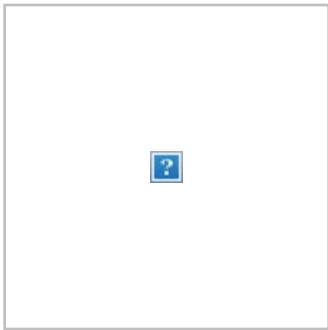
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