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By Cheryl Sullenger

Selma, AL – Leaders of national and local pro-life groups gathered in historic Selma, Alabama, on February 11, 2015, to call for a full investigation into an abortion facility, Central Alabama Women's Clinic, that is believed to be operating illegally.

"We are calling on the state of Alabama. We are calling on the medical board to do their job and shut this center down," Catherine Davis of the Black Pro-Life Coalition told reporters gathered in front of the Central Alabama Women's Clinic.

During the press conference, Fr. Terry Gensemer, director of the CEC for Life, reported that at one point the receptionist at the abortion clinic shouted at a WorldNetDaily.com reporter, "We don't do abortions."

However, taped phone conversations in the possession of Gensemer, Operation Rescue, and Life Legal Defense Foundation say otherwise.



Catherine Davis of the National Black Pro-Life Coalition, calls for the closure of Lett's abortion facility at a press conference in Selma.



## **Operation Rescue Video**



Teen hospitalized after botched 33-week abortion attempt; Abortionist didn't call 911 for urgent emergency



Woman heard screaming in agony after perforated uterus during botched abortion.



Planned Parenthood is dishing out abortion drugs to women using an smart phone app & the US Mail. Population Control agenda is behind this new scheme!

**Beyond Legal Limits** 

In Alabama, the law requires medical facilities that do more than nine abortions per month to be licensed as an abortion facility, but evidence shows the unlicensed Central Alabama Women's Clinic, operated by Samuel C. Lett, is exceeding that number.

CEC for Life, Life Legal Defense Foundation and Operation Rescue conducted an investigation into tips that abortionist Lett was operating an illegal and unlicensed abortion facility in Selma. The groups recorded multiple telephone conversations with Central Alabama Women's Clinic workers who were more than willing to schedule appointments for abortions for the callers, who posed as potential abortion customers.

"Our people never had any problem making abortion appointments at Lett's facility. We were never turned down," said Troy Newman, President of Operation Rescue. "This abortion business is operating in violation of Alabama law and outside any oversight. That makes this a dangerous place for women. Lett can cut any corners he wants and no one will be the wiser. That makes him dangerous, and we call on the Alabama Department of Health to shut him down immediately."

### The Evidence

The first calls placed on July 14, 2014, left no doubt that abortions were done as a matter of routine at Lett's clinic. The following exchange was typical of the numerous calls placed by staff of Operation Rescue and CEC for Life.



Evidence appears to show that the Central Alabama Women's Clinis in Selma, Alabama, is unlicensed and operating ilegally.

Clinic Worker: Central Alabama Women's Clinic

Caller: Hello, I was wondering, do you do abortions there?

Clinic Worker: Yes, ma'am.

Caller: Um, like, how much do they cost?

Clinic Worker: It's depending on how far along are you.

Caller: Yeah, well, my last period was in May.

Clinic Worker: Okay, based on - it's \$550.

Subsequent calls reflected similar results, with several urging women to come in for their consultation appointment the next day so the abotion could be done the day after that.

Most recently, a call placed on February 2, 2015, confirmed that abortions were still business as usual at the Central Alabama Women's Clinic.

Clinic Worker: Central Alabama Women's Health Clinic. Can I help you?

**Caller:** Hi, um, I was wondering, when would be the soonest I could get an appointment for an abortion?

**Clinic Worker:** Um, I am not sure. You would have to come in and do a consultation with the doctor and he can talk to you about that. What day would you like to come in?



Hemorrhaging woman calls 911 for herself after abortion clinic kicks her to the curb at closing time.



Heartbreaking 911 call. Mother finds daughter dead after abortion.

## Latest Tweets

Tweets by operationrescue



Caller: How about tomorrow?

Clinic Worker: Sounds good.

Caller: So what kind of abortions do you do there and how much do they cost? I'm just trying to figure out if I can afford this.

Clinic Worker: Okay, we're \$550.

#### **No Action**

"We began in July of last year to give evidence to the Alabama Department of Public Health about what was going on at this clinic," said Fr. Terry Gensemer, Director of the CEC For Life. "We have asked them on several occasions to move forward with their investigation, and they have really dragged their feet."

A letter of complaint that included documentation was sent to Brian Hale, Deputy General Counsel of the Alabama Department of Public Health in July 2014, by Life Legal Defense Foundation's Senior Staff Counsel, Allison Aranda, who is representing CEC for Life and Operation Rescue. In response to follow-up queries, the Alabama Department of Health has responded only that an investigation was "pending."

Aranda sent a second letter to Mr. Hale on February 3, 2015, expressing disappointment that no action had been taken in the eight months that had elapsed since the issue was first brought to his attention. Aranda also notified Hale of Wednesday's planned press conference.

In response, Hale told reporters last week, "We are aware of the allegations that Life Legal Defense Foundation and others are [making] and have made in regard to the Central Alabama Women's Clinic. We have been participating in an investigation of those allegations."

Letts' Troubled Background

# Jury convicts physician of negligence

#### Associated Press

SELMA - An attorney blamed racism for a jury's decision awarding \$50,000 to a white woman in her lawsuit against a black gynecologist.

The jury of seven whites and five blacks decided Thursday that Dr. Samuel Lett "failed to exer-cise full and complete care" in functional potential terms that the section treating Deborah Ammons Harris four years ago. "Many whites start with the pre-

sumption of incompetence con-cerning black people," said Lett's attorney, J.L. Chestnut. "Black jurors are a long way from stand-ing up to white jurors in or out of the courthouse." Mrs. Harris' attorneys said Lett

cut a ureter during surgery, necessitating further operations Henry Pitts, one of her attor-neys, said "she went through un-mitigated hell" during the post-op-

erative period in 1984. Mrs. Harris asked for \$20,000 for medical expenses and \$80,000 for suffering, but the jury awarded her \$18,500 and \$31,500.

Chestnut said he was consider-

ing an appeal. "I'm relieved that it's finally

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News article from the Gadsden Times, October 29, 1988.

Samuel Lett has run afoul of the authorities in the past. In 1984, Lett "failed to exercise full and complete care" in surgically treating Deborah Harris. After Harris won a \$50,000 malpractice judgment against Lett, her attorney told the Associated Press that "she went through unmitigated hell" after Lett operated on her.

This book will change the fabric of your thought on abortion and who is responsible for it. -Fr. Frank Pavone





However, instead of taking responsibility for his actions, Lett blamed the loss of Harris' malpractice suit on "racism."

In 2003, Lett and his brother, Charles, also denied any wrongdoing despite the fact that they had just lost a lawsuit filed by the State of Alabama, which was left holding the bag after the Lett brothers defaulted on a \$2.2 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development loan. The Letts stuck Alabama taxpayers with a whopping \$4.4 million bill, which included principle and interest on their defaulted loan over time.

"Lett's troubled background makes us wonder if financial difficulties drove him into the abortion business where he could make a fast buck by exploiting poor urban women of color," said Newman. "At \$550 a pop, it doesn't take long for a corners-cutting abortion business to make big money."

### Still Operating

Despite the evidence submitted to the Alabama Department of Health the Central Alabama Women's Clinic remains open. However, the receptionist is now hesitant to admit that abortions are taking place there, according to a call placed on Friday, February 13, 2015. A partial transcript of that call indicates he may still be in the abortion business:

**Caller:** I was wondering, when would be the soonest I could get an appointment for an abortion?

Clinic worker: Um, you can make an appointment and talk to the doctor.

Caller: Okay, and he's doing abortions, right.

Clinic Worker: Uh — I'm not sure.

"It's clear that even after being exposed publicly as an illegal abortion provider, the Central Alabama Women's Clinic could still be breaking the law. It is time for the Alabama authorities to take action to protect women from Letts' unscrupulous and illegal back-alley abortion business," said Newman.

### Take Action!

Please take time to contact the following and demand that the state do its duty to protect the public by shutting down Samuel Lett's unlicensed and illegal Central Alabama Women's Clinic abortion facility.

Luther Strange, State Attorney General Ms. Sandy McLure (Scheduler and Executive Assistant) PHONE: 334-242-7447 EMAIL: smclure@ago.state.al.us Office Main Number: 334-242-7300 Brian Hale, Deputy General Counsel, Alabama Department of Public Health PHONE: 334-206-5209 EMAIL: brian.hale@adph.state.al.us Kathy Burkett, Investigative Specialist, Alabama Board of Medical Examiners PHONE: 334-242-4116 (Ask to be transferred to Kathy Burkett) EMAIL: kburkett@albme.org

### NOTE: The following pro-life organizations are supporting this effort:

**CEC** For Life **Operation Rescue** Life Legal Defense Foundation National Black Pro-Life Coalition **Pro-Life Action Ministries** The Radiance Foundation Citizens for a Pro-Life Society Alveda King Fr. Frank Pavone Priests for Life JillStanek.com/StanekReport.com Secular Pro-Life Live Action American Life League Life Coalition International Heroic Media Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust Issues4Life Life Issues Institute Pro-Life Action League This Race Will Self-Destruct Ben Johnson Stand True Pro-Life Outreach Brandi Swindell Youth Defence (Ireland) Precious Life (Northern Ireland) 40 Days for Life Alabama Physicians for Life Abortion Recovery Alabama Bound4Life Birmingham Bama Students for Life



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