



State seeks shutdown of "unlicensed abortion clinic" in Birmingham

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New Woman All Women Health Care facility in Birmingham, Ala., on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. (The Birmingham News / Michelle Campbell)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. --The Alabama Department of Public Health today filed a civil complaint in Jefferson County Circuit court seeking to stop the

operation of what it says is an unlicensed abortion clinic in Birmingham.

The complaint states that New Woman All Women Health Care on the Southside does not have a license yet it is offering abortions provided by Dr. Bruce Norman.

The state announced last week it was investigating allegations

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the clinic was performing abortions without a license. The clinic - which is the same one bombed by Eric Rudolph in 1998 - surrendered its license last year after the health department found problems including two cases where patients were given an overdose of a drug and had to be transported to the hospital.

The clinic "is holding itself as an abortion provider through advertising and offering abortion services

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the public without a license," the complaint states.

Brian Hale, deputy general counsel for the state health department, said the state first learned of abortions advertised on the **New Woman All Women website**

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and launched an investigation in February after developing information Norman was performing abortions.

Named as defendants besides Norman are Dipat LLC, Diane W. Derzis, Patrick H. Smith and All Women's Inc. doing business as New Woman All Women.

Hale said Derzis and Smith are partners in Dipat, which owns the real estate, and are partners in the business All Women's Inc..

In a consent decree last year, Derzis surrendered the license to perform abortions after revocation proceedings began. Efforts reach Derzis through the attorney who represented her in the past year's proceedings were unsuccessful.

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A woman answering the phone this afternoon at the clinic advertised on New Woman All Women website took a message for Norman but said Derzis "doesn't have anything to do with us."

The facility was thrust into the national spotlight on Jan. 29, 1998, when a bomb exploded there, killing a police officer moonlighting as a security guard and badly injuring a nurse.

Eric Rudolph, who eluded capture for more than five years, began serving life sentences in 2003 for the Birmingham bombing and blasts in Atlanta, including one at Olympic Park during the 1996 Olympics that killed one person.

See the **complaint here**.

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