

## OPINION

# Mom files complaint against abortionist for 'wrongful birth': thanks God for her 'little angel'

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JACKSONVILLE, Florida, November 9, 2015 (LifeSiteNews) – Offered a second abortion two weeks after the first one failed, back in 2012, a young single woman decided to keep her baby, and now she's glad she did. "I didn't want to kill twice," she says today. But she still plans to sue the abortionist, who has a history of substance abuse problems and at least one other botched abortion.

The story was brought to light in series of interviews with the unnamed woman by FirstCoastNews in Jacksonville. She emerges as a confused young woman, grateful to God for her baby boy, who she refers to as her "little angel," but "very angry, still angry" to have been so shocked to find out he was alive when she believed he'd been successfully aborted.

"Can you imagine grieving for a child you had to terminate to find out you're still pregnant with the child? It is a blow," she tells a TV reporter. "I want justice for my pain."

The woman is no pro-life poster girl. She wants not just both ways, but three ways: she is a hero for choosing the abortion but a victim of the financial circumstances that drove her to it; she is noble in her grief over her loss; she is victimized again by her baby's survival but is a hero again for choosing, this time, to let her child live.

Her boy is partially shown in some scenes, face concealed like her own.

Father Shenan J. Boquet, president of Human Life International, focused on the mother. "The contradictions in this mother's statements are so painful to read. She ... is in dire need of prayer and healing, as one day she will have to explain to her child why she sued the doctor who failed to kill him.

"She knew she was asking to have her child killed, but felt as if she did not have a choice. Her story here reflects the dishonesty of the abortion industry itself – an industry that must deceive its customers about the disservice they provide," Father Boquet added. "They hide behind the word 'choice' but deny the reality of what this choice entails."



While her inconsistencies perfectly show the narcissism encouraged by the abortion movement in its customers, her story also reinforces the link well established by doctors like the notorious Kermit Gosnell (now in jail for multiple homicides) and North Carolina's Hallmark Women's Center, the link between the abortion racket and bad medicine.

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The practitioner in question, Dr. Laura Reinertson, has a record of bad medicine. In 2000, she botched an abortion of a 35-week-old unborn baby so badly the mother was left, as the \$1-million insurance claim cryptically puts it, with "deafness, loss of limb, loss of eye, loss of one kidney or lung." Reinertson's insurer paid the claim.

In 2002, an inspection of her office revealed she was using it as an unregistered surgery. The level of surgery she was conducting was such that she needed a crash cart fully equipped with resuscitative gear and an emergency power source good for two hours. Neither of these were in evidence. Many states, under pressure from feminist groups, waive these requirements for abortion facilities, but Florida does not. The state fined Reinertson \$10,000 and required 100 hours of community service.

In 2014 her facility was again cited, this time for inadequate staffing. But her biggest display of negligence came in 2012, when she turned her vehicle into the path of another while rushing, drunk, with an open bottle beside her, to her hospital. She urged the investigating detective to let her go, because she was on call. Indeed, she was dressed in scrubs and had patients waiting, but she also had twice the legal limit of alcohol in her blood for driving a vehicle in Florida.

Though Dr. Reinertson refused to report for treatment, eventually she was forced to see a psychiatrist. With the specialist's findings before it, the Florida Department of Health found Reinertson "unsafe to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety" on account of being afflicted with anxiety disorder and being addicted to alcohol and prescription medication. She was fined only \$2,000 this time.

Brad Staley of Jacksonville for Life told LifeSiteNews his group's members' hearts go out to all concerned. "Planned and unplanned babies are a miracle. We are certain that child will be a blessing to all in his life. We continue to pray for those sad men and women who work in the

abortion mills, that they find a more fulfilling and meaningful profession."

FirstCoastNews's coverage was framed as a "consumer alert" piece. Viewers should "take home" this advice: check your doctor's records with the Department of Health before consenting to surgery.

And how about your conscience?

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