

Abortionist James Pendergraft Sued for \$36.7 Million

Flip Benham of Operation Save America describes the civil lawsuit verdict against James Pendergraft.

A Florida abortionist who frequently has run afoul of the law, James Scott Pendergraft, was in court last month facing damaging testimony in the case of a baby born alive after a botched abortion.

A few years ago, I began to chronicle the numerous criminal activities and botched abortions that surround James Pendergraft's chain of Florida abortion centers. Pendergraft is featured in the new DVD, *The Abortion Matrix*, and more prominently in abortion clinic 911 Calls.

In 2007, pro-life evangelist Patte Smith and I put together a series of videos about Pendergraft. According to Smith, "Viable infants have been being killed by labor and delivery abortion each week at James Pendergraft's abortion centers since 1996. Some of the babies have been born alive."

In the clip below from abortion clinic 911 Calls, Smith describes the type of labor and delivery abortion that often results in second and third trimester babies being born alive and left to die. Here the case that resulted in this lawsuit, is described.

Plaintiff is awarded \$36.7 million from notorious Florida abortionist

On November 15, 2001, a 20-year-old single mother drove her car to Orlando Women's Center to abort her baby at 22.3 weeks gestation (a little more than halfway to her due date). If all went according to plan, her infant would be stillborn. She paid \$1,300 cash to have her infant killed, but all did not go according to plan.

The young mother was induced into labor at Orlando Women's Center that day. She remained at the abortion center from 1:30 p.m. until well past midnight. At 1:30 a.m. she left in anger and went to a nearby hospital, where her baby girl was born alive with severe problems due to her early induced birth. Abortionist Randall Whitney and James Pendergraft, owner of Orlando Women's Center, were later sued for damages to cover this little girl's life-long care.

The civil lawsuit case concluded on July 22. On July 21, all the jurors pronounced abortionist James Pendergraft "guilty" with the exception of the last juror who exclaimed, "Absolutely guilty!" The plaintiff was awarded over \$18 million to be paid into a trust that will be used for medical care for her daughter, while a smaller portion went to a fine. The next day, the punitive damages against abortionist James Pendergraft brought the total to \$36.7 million.

This case has taken many years to come to trial. In the years since Pendergraft arrived in Florida, he has been incarcerated in federal prison for extortion and perjury and has had his license to practice medicine suspended four times by the Florida Department of Health. His chain of five abortion clinics in the state of Florida remains open. We pray that we may be seeing the beginning of the end of James Pendergraft's reckless trail of terror.