

FBI Targets 11 More Pro-Life Activists—Some Could Face Prison Term

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Last week, the U.S. Justice Department indicted 11 more pro-life activists after alleging they “blocked access” to an abortion clinic in Tennessee as part of a protest last spring.

Video footage that recently surfaced on social media shows multiple heavily armed agents purportedly hauling away Paul Vaughn, a 55-year-old man charged in relation to the protests. In the video, a woman can be heard pleading with the agents to answer her questions, which included a query about why the agents were “banging on my door with a gun.”

“You’re not going to tell me anything?” the woman asks as the agents head back to their vehicles. One agent replies, “No, we’re not,” while another says, “I tried.” The woman also asks for an agent’s name or “any information” but they ignored her and left the scene.

Vaughn was reportedly part of a group of 11 pro-life activists who, according to an indictment, blocked access to a Tennessee abortion clinic as part of a protest in early March 2021. Why charges and arrests are being made now, over 18 months later, remains unanswered. Many, however, are pointing out the November mid-term elections are only a month away.

The ages of those charged in Tennessee range from 24 to 87-years-old and all are charged with FACE Act violations. Some could be facing up to 11 years in prison.

Just last month, a 48-year-old Pennsylvania man was raided by 15-20 heavily armed FBI agents while his terrified wife and

seven children watched on in horror.

Mark Houck, the Pennsylvania native, is also facing FACE Act violations, which stem from an incident that happened last year in Philadelphia. Houck maintains he was defending his 12-year-old son when he pushed a Planned Parenthood volunteer, who fell down and suffered only a “minor” scrape on his arm, according to authorities. No evidence has been presented showing Houck, at any time, prevented an employee or patient from accessing the facility.

This all comes as the FBI has yet to announce any arrests made on the more than 60 violent attacks on crisis pregnancy centers that have happened since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* back in June.

Prominent pro-lifers have expressed concern the Biden administration is abusing the power of the federal government for political reasons ahead of a critical election.

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