

Houston Grand Jury Refuses to Indict Late-Term Abortionist Douglas Karpen

A Houston grand jury has refused to indict late-term abortionist Douglas Karpen after a months-long investigation into allegations of illegal late-term abortions and the killing of babies born alive at his two abortion clinics.

“The refusal to indict Karpen is a gross miscarriage of justice. The grand jury has essentially freed Karpen to continue to violate Texas laws and take the lives of late-term babies that the law was meant to protect,” says Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. “It’s upsetting to know that the kind of brutality shown in the photos taken at his clinic will be allowed continue.” (*Warning: Image at link is graphic.*)

Operation Rescue alleged that Karpen was murdering babies in a similar way as convicted Pennsylvania abortion Kermit Gosnell, who was found guilty of three counts of first-degree murder for intentionally killing babies born alive during late-term abortions.

The allegations against Karpen were based on information acquired from four former Karpen employees and from photographs of dead late-term babies taken by some of the workers on their cellphones. The grisly photos showed very large aborted babies that were nearly decapitated.

The informants also told Operation Rescue that Karpen routinely did abortions beyond the legal limit of 24 weeks, which seemed to be supported by the photographs.

“It’s simply unbelievable that a grand jury would not find that Karpen broke the law, just based on the photographic evidence alone,” Newman says. “There’s no way any reasonable

person could look at the images of those abortion victims and say that nothing was done wrong. The babies' throats were cut from ear to ear. That isn't something that can be done inside the womb."

Newman continues, "We are not giving up on the Karpen matter. We will continue to seek ways through the legal system to bring him to justice. This isn't the last anyone will hear of this."