

Tip of the Iceberg: Gosnell Case Exception or Rule?

A Philadelphia jury is expected to start weighing murder charges this week in the trial of abortionist **Kermit Gosnell**, who is accused of killing four viable babies after they were born alive.

Prosecutors say Gosnell routinely cut live babies in the back of the neck to sever their spines. Pro-abortion groups have suggested Gosnell's alleged murder of live children is the exception in the abortion industry.

But a video released by the pro-life group Live Action shows Washington, D.C., abortion doctor Cesare Santangelo telling a 24-weeks pregnant woman he will not give medical care to a baby born alive.

Federal law mandates that any newborn, even the survivor of an **abortion**, be given medical attention, but in the video Santangelo tells the investigator what he would do if her baby survived the procedure.

"Technically, legally, we would be obligated to help it to survive, but it probably wouldn't," he said. "It's all in how vigorously you do things to help a fetus survive at that point ... we would not help it. We wouldn't intubate, let's say."

Fresh investigations of **abortion clinics** in the wake of the Gosnell trial have led to the closures by state officials of clinics in Ohio and three clinics in Maryland.

Also, two nurses at a **Planned Parenthood** clinic in Delaware clinic resigned, citing the poor conditions at the facility.

"I couldn't tell you how ridiculously unsafe it was," *USA Today* quoted Jayne Mitchell-Werbrich, one of the nurses.

Meanwhile, 72 members of Congress, troubled by the lack of media coverage of the Gosnell trial, sent a letter to the major three networks, asking them to report it.

“We see no excuse for your failure to report these stories other than blatant media bias,” the lawmakers wrote. “There is nothing ‘politically incorrect’ about reporting the negative impacts of abortion on women and children.”

Also, last week 18 House Republicans blasted the media and President Obama, a vocal supporter of Planned Parenthood, for their hypocrisy.

“Mr. President, your silence on this issue is deafening,” Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa., charged.

“Shamelessly, the mainstream media has all but gone silent and failed to cover this horrific violence against women,” Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., added.

“I think we all recognize if Dr. Gosnell used an AK-47 instead of a scalpel, the media coverage would rival a natural disaster,” Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., said. “Yet barely a peep comes from the mainstream media because it happened to be an abortion doctor who was actually performing abortions.”

Live Action President Lila Rose talked more about the Santangelo video on Newswatch Tuesday. Click below to watch the video.