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## Children Born Alive for Organ Harvesting

*Thanks to undercover journalist Sandra Merritt, we know the truth. Planned Parenthood and its partners were caught altering the abortion procedure and causing tumultuous labor to produce living newborns that were dissected alive to sell their hearts, brains, and other organs while their hearts were still beating.*

*That truth is an explosive, sickening reality that is hidden behind the doors of an abortion clinic— one of mothers doubled over in violent and unnecessary pain. And another of living babies being hacked into pieces after they are born.*

***Not a single abortionist has been held accountable.***

*For their undercover journalism, Sandra Merritt and her co-defendant, David Daleiden, are facing criminal prosecution brought against them by the State of California and a civil lawsuit brought by Planned Parenthood. The following was evidence in the Planned Parenthood preliminary criminal hearing and the civil case involving Sandra Merritt and David Daleiden. Liberty Counsel represents Sandra Merritt.*

### **Their Hearts Have to Be Beating:**

Expert witness Theresa Deisher, a Stanford PhD, testified about the lengths to which she must go as a cardiovascular researcher to make sure that the mice she studies do not suffer needless pain.

She testified how horrified she was upon reading various studies involving baby human hearts procured from Planned Parenthood. She knew there was no way for those studies to have been done UNLESS THE HEARTS WERE STILL BEATING WHEN CUT OUT FROM THE ABORTED BABIES.

Dr. Deisher consulted with David Daleiden before he and Sandra Merritt filmed the undercover videos of Planned Parenthood. Dr. Deisher told them that Planned Parenthood MUST be supplying BEATING BABY HEARTS to researchers!

In Planned Parenthood's case against Sandra Merritt, Dr. Deisher testified that these hearts had to be cut out of living newborn babies to be used in the experiments they were doing.

### **His Heart Was Beating During Harvesting:**

Holly O'Donnell was a whistleblower at StemExpress, a company that harvested the baby organs. She described a 25-week-old baby boy that was aborted. "I'm in the hallway. I see the jar [with

the baby] come out,” Holly said. “I hear [the technician] call my name, “Hey Holly, come over here, I want you to see something kind of cool; it’s kind of neat.” So I’m over here and this the moment I see it, I’m just flabbergasted. This is the most gestated fetus and closest thing to a baby I’ve seen.” The technician says ““Ok I want to show you something.” Holly continues, “And she has one of her instruments and she just taps the heart and it starts beating. And I am sitting here and I’m looking at this fetus and its heart is beating and I don’t know what to think.”

Holly said the baby “had a face. It wasn’t completely torn up. And its nose was very pronounced. It had eyelids and its mouth was pronounced. And then since the fetus was so intact, [the technician] said, ‘Okay, well this is a really good fetus and it looks like we can procure a lot from it. We’re going to procure a brain.’ So, the moment I hear it, that means we’re going to cut the head open.”

The technician continued, ““So what you do is you go through the face’ I was thinking, ‘No! I don’t want to do this.’ And [the technician] takes the scissors and makes a small incision right here [points to her chin] ... she’s like “Can you go the rest of the way?” And I’m like “Yes.” Holly says, “I didn’t want to do it. And so she gave me the scissors and told me I that have to cut down the middle of the face. And I can’t even describe what that feels like. And I remember picking it up and finishing and going through the rest of the face and [the technician] picking up the brain and putting it in the container.”

After finishing the harvesting, the technician said “Okay, you can clean up.” Holly said, “And I’m just sitting there like ‘What did I just do?’” She continued, “I remember picking him up with the gloves ... he was big ... and I opened the bio-hazard container and it’s almost full, and I’m holding him in my hands and like ‘Oh my God, what am I doing?’ And I take him. I put him in and I remember he got stuck on the lid. And it turned around and his buttocks was in the air and his two feet were like dangling out and I remember having to pick each one of his feet up and put them in the container and close the lid. And that was the hardest experience I’ve had here. I remember holding that fetus in my hands when everybody else was busy and started crying and opened the lid and put it back. It’s just really hard knowing that you are the only person who is ever going to hold that baby.”<sup>i</sup>

With viability around 21.5 weeks, this organ harvesting was being done on a child with a beating heart nearly a month after the point of viability when he could have survived outside the womb.

### **Abortionists Intentionally Birth Them Alive:**

Dr. Forrest Smith has performed more than 50,000 abortions in his career. When the undercover videos first came out he told his wife he was going to “take down” those responsible for the videos. But after meeting David Daleiden, Dr. Smith did an about-face. He testified that even Daleiden “didn’t know the half of what was going on.”

Dr. Smith came to the defense of David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt as an expert witness. He said, “There is no question in my mind that at least some of these fetuses were live births.”<sup>ii</sup>

### **Mothers Are Put at Great Risk:**

The abortionists under question used an abortion procedure that eliminated Digoxin, a drug that stops the heart and kills the child before birth. At the same time, the abortionists were using exceptionally large doses of Misoprostol, a drug that is used to induce labor. This would cause what this hardened abortionist Smith would describe as “tumultuous labor.” It would cause a “fetal expulsion” in which “the fetus comes out without any assistance from the abortion doctor, no instrumentation.” This allows a perfectly healthy, undamaged baby to be born alive for organ harvesting.

In reference to a fellow abortionist caught on video offering to ask her colleague to use a "less crunchy" technique, Dr. Smith said he had no doubt that the abortionist was willing to change the procedure from an electric vacuum to a manual vacuum to procure a more intact baby.

Dr. Smith verified that using a manual vacuum aspirator in an abortion requires the mother to be more dilated and it “prolongs the procedure and increases blood loss.”<sup>iii</sup> This all causes a greater risk to the mother. This process would only be used if the electricity went out, or to get more intact organs, Dr. Smith verified.

### **Altering Abortion Procedures for Profit:**

Abortionist Deborah Nucatola was caught on tape talking about how she (illegally) alters the abortion procedure to get better organ samples. She bragged that her abortionists were “just kind of cognizant of where you put your graspers, you try to intentionally go above and below the thorax ... I’m gonna basically crush below, I’m gonna crush above, and I’m gonna see if I can get it all intact.”<sup>iv</sup> Nucatola also admitted for organ harvesting she changes the position of the baby to breech so that she can increase dilation for the purpose of harvesting an intact head during an abortion.

Nucatola has performed tens of thousands of abortions, including up to 200 in one week. One video shows her callously describing the illegal altering of the abortion procedure and the murder of an innocent little baby who is perfectly capable of living outside the womb ... all between her bites of salad and sips of wine.

Planned Parenthood has about 700 facilities nationwide. Nucatola is just one of their national staff members. She personally has performed abortions on babies who were several weeks past the point of viability outside the womb.

### **...To treat “baldness”**

The former board director for the Center for Medical Progress, Albin Rhomberg, gave the following mind boggling testimony: “They were scalping the babies and taking their scalps and grafting them onto immune-suppressed mice, and then using various pharmaceuticals on these humanized mice to test the effect upon preventing or, I suppose you might say, treating baldness.”

Albin Rhomberg also noted that “in some cases, the people noticed that the [baby] parts went out before the mother went out. She would come—[some] times, come staggering out later, typically throwing up in the bushes and being helped out of the place, after the baby parts had already gone into the FedEx truck.”

## **A Long History of Bloody Profits:**

As shocking as all of this is, this is not new behavior. Rhomberg also testified that pro-life sidewalk counselors first discovered that Planned Parenthood was involved in the trafficking of baby body parts in 1999.<sup>v</sup> This was exposed by an *ABC 20/20 report* in 2000.<sup>vi</sup>

In fact, organ trafficking is highly lucrative. In 2018, National Institutes of Health gave \$115 million in tax dollars for federal grants to research groups that were experimenting on human fetal tissue. Just one of the recipient groups received 4.6 million dollars in federal grants to conduct research on “human fetal tissue” at the University of California -- San Francisco.<sup>vii</sup>

The amount of taxpayer dollars that end up at Planned Parenthood and its affiliates is truly mind-blowing. Planned Parenthood actually increased the money it got from the federal government last year. In 2017, it “received \$543.7 million in federal grants and reimbursements ... that number rose to \$564.8 million” in 2018.<sup>viii</sup>

Human organ harvesting is such a known money-maker that a Planned Parenthood director said, "I want a Lamborghini!"<sup>ix</sup> as she haggled over the price that she wanted for human organs such as lungs, livers, thymus glands, hearts, and brains from children discarded by our society.

## **Are Abortionists Untouchable?**

Undercover videos were recorded in 2015. In the four years that have passed, not a single abortionist has been convicted. They have not even been charged, had to arrange bail, or spend even one day in jail for their crimes. In direct contrast, whistleblower Sandra Merritt has undergone all three, as the full weight of the California Attorney General’s office seeks to intimidate and punish her.

The torture and murder of newborn babies are violent crimes. But abortionists are getting away with it. And Democrats are actively protecting them by blocking the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act so that they can continue business as usual.

How this can happen in America is beyond belief. Our nation’s current laws are not working to protect these little ones. It is time for change. Learn more and get involved at [www.LCAction.org/BornAlive](http://www.LCAction.org/BornAlive).

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