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# Infant Bodies Recovered From D.C. Pro-life Activist's Home

**WARNING: This article references graphic images.**

A video posted on the YouTube [channel](#) of Live Action News contains graphic content in regard to a story that surfaced in Washington, D.C., last Wednesday. "Aborted babies discovered in DC may indicate infanticide after attempted abortions," [reports](#) the news outlet.

**The video below contains graphic content from Live Action News**

Live Action relates this video to a story reported last week by local CBS affiliate [WUSA9](#), that the Washington, D.C., "medical examiner collected five fetuses from inside the home of an anti-abortion protester" named Lauren Handy. D.C. Police Executive Assistant Chief Ashan Benedict told reporters the following day that the examiner's office confirmed the "fetuses" were aborted according to city laws.

However, Progressive Anti-Abortion Uprising ([PAAU](#)), a group for which Handy serves as director of activism, asks: "Do their bodies show evidence of violent felonies and violations of federal law?" PAAU plans a [press conference](#) on Tuesday, April 5 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill to answer questions about the situation.

"We are aware that the Metropolitan Police Department has stated that they do not believe a crime has been committed against these babies under D.C. law," states PAAU founder and executive director Terrisa Bukovinac in her organization's press release. "However, the laws in question are federal laws enforced by the US Department of Justice."

The press release explains arrangements were made for Washington, D.C., police to pick up the "recently discovered bodies of aborted babies for forensic evidence." PAAU suspects violations of the federal partial-birth abortion ban and the Born Alive Infants Protection Act due to the "late gestational ages" and "apparent sustained injuries."

"This story has turned into the accusation that Handy is somehow this creepy person who is keeping fetuses in her basement. And it's nothing like that ... this wasn't a random search or tips from some strange person, but a coordinated, planned event," PAAU tweeted on Saturday.



AP Images

A woman protests abortion in New York



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As evidence of their claim, PAAU also tweeted a March 29 letter from retired Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley informing the D.C. medical examiner and police department about the bodies. Cooley's letter states:

I have been contacted by an entity that very recently came into possession of [redacted] fetuses. The fetuses were provided by a whistleblower whose identity is unknown. It appears that some of the fetuses were a result of late-term abortion(s) or possibly live birth abortions. The fetuses are presently in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this communication is to advise appropriate authorities of this situation and request an investigation and forensic examination be undertaken as required by applicable law.

However, the CBS affiliate [reported](#) that the medical examiner's office obtained the infants' bodies in a "raid" of Handy's home on March 30. In interesting timing, on the same day the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) [announced](#) indictments against Handy and eight other pro-life activists for an incident that occurred more than one year ago, in October 2020, at the Washington Surgi-Clinic where Dr. Cesare Santangelo kills babies with alleged impunity under [D.C. law](#). The DOJ press release states that the nine people "forcefully entered the clinic and set about blockading two clinic doors using their bodies, furniture, chains and ropes." The defendants face charges of federal civil rights conspiracy and violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act "for obstructing patients and providers of a reproductive health services facility." Five of them are over the age of 60; three are women over age 70. If convicted, each could receive a maximum of 11 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$350,000.

Live Action News reports that the infants' bodies recovered last week came from this same facility. The Washington Surgi-Clinic boasts 3.3 stars in Google reviews. The most recent is a one-star criticism posted last week which tells the horrifying story of a botched abortion at the clinic:



## Washington Surgi-Clinic

2112 F St NW Suite 400, Washington, DC

Write a review

3.3 57 reviews



**Lia Vasquez**

1 review

a week ago **NEW**

I went in for a 3 day procedure and only went in for 1 day I changed my mind and decided to not go through and the items inserted had fell out so I took it as a sign to keep the baby hours later I was in pain and when I called the doctor he said it was normal for me to take another sleeping pill early morning I woke up covered in blood barely conscious falling in a out of sleep at some point I tried to get out of bed to call for help crawling on the floor to my phone on the table I dialed them and they said to come right away because it was right next door to the hotel I told them I couldn't stand I knocked out and was laying in my own blood for hours on the floor the Hispanic lady came to my hotel room hours after with a wheelchair and told me that I had to get myself into the chair because there was no way she could help lift me which I was only 127 pounds literally 4'11 I struggled trying to lift myself up I don't understand why they didn't decide to bring an extra person and I was in labor I don't remember what happened exactly or even if he was born alive at 27 weeks. When I asked questions no one told me anything other than "that wasn't suppose to happen". It's been months and all I feel is regret & definitely traumatized. The Hispanic lady was horrible during my labor she was yelling at me to be quiet because I was scaring the patients in the next room. After I pushed him out I didn't even get a glance at him because she rushed out the room .I honestly wish I would've called an ambulance or at least gotten answers to my questions or the option to have him buried and I know I have no right because I signed the papers but it didn't go as planned and I changed my mind.. I would be lying if I said it doesn't keep be up and caused me to have severe anxiety the aftermath is far worse with the body changes and not knowing.

The reviewer's account fits with undercover footage that Live Action released in 2013 exposing Santangelo admitting his methods:

A Facebook post by AJ Hurley, executive director of [Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust](#), includes graphic video as well as pictures of a box indicating that the "Special Medical Waste" inside it came from "Washington Surgi Center" and was transported by Curtis Bay Medical Waste Services. "These are the victims picked up by Lauren Handy," reads Hurley's [April 1 post](#). "The real house of Horrors is Washington Surgi Clinic and Dr. Cesare F. Santangelo."

The Curtis Bay [website](#) provides sickening insight into the likely end of most babies' bodies after they suffer abortion:

For more than 25 years, we have provided the safest and most secure method of medical waste disposal for our clients.

Our 'cradle-to-grave' services are unparalleled, from the time we collect your material through the final safe processing at our facilities - your liability is virtually eliminated.

Our professionally trained and certified personnel collect your material and provide you with the proper documentation. All our records are safely stored and backed up. We then transport your material, in full DOT [Department of Transportation] compliance, to our



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autoclave or incineration disposal facilities.

We manage the largest medical waste incinerator in the US and the only facility in the Northeast Region that utilizes Waste-to-Energy incineration to safely convert infectious/biomedical waste and non-hazardous pharmaceuticals into useful energy. Our sustainable and consistent environmental processing technology generates the lowest carbon footprint when compared to other waste processing technologies, as documented by the EPA.

PAAU's press release states that a "funeral mass and 'naming ceremony' was offered for the deceased babies" that Handy found.



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