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Basic facts: Did you know?

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Each December we prepare for the birthday of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Man. And as we do, we have a unique opportunity to reflect on the basic developmental characteristics of every human being who begins, exactly the way Christ did, as a human embryo who is smaller than the head of a pin. The amazing story of the child before birth goes like this:

- Immediately upon fertilization, cellular development begins. Before implantation, the sex of the new life can be determined.
- At implantation, the new life is composed of hundreds of cells and has developed a protective hormone to prevent the mother's body from rejecting it as a foreign tissue.
- At 17 days, the new life has developed its own blood cells; the placenta is a part of the new life and not of the mother.
- At 18 days, there are occasional pulsations of a muscle this will be the heart.
- At 19 days, the eyes start to develop.
- At 20 days, the foundation of the entire nervous system has been laid down.
- At 24 days, the heart has regular beats or pulsations.
- At 28 days, 40 pairs of muscles are developed along the trunk of the new life: arms and legs are forming.
- At 30 days, there is normal blood flow within the vascular system; the ears and nasal development have begun.
- At 40 days, the energy of the heart is reported to be almost 20% of that of an adult's.
- At 42 days, the skeleton is complete, and reflexes are present.
- At 43 days, electrical brain wave patterns can be recorded. Such waves are usually ample evidence that "thinking" is taking place in the brain. The new life may be thought of as a thinking person.
- At 49 days, the baby has the appearance of a miniature doll complete with fingers, toes and ears.
- At 56 days he goes from the embryonic stage of

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development into the fetal stage of development. All of his organs are functioning—stomach, liver, kidney, brain. All of his systems are intact. The lines in his palms are distinct. From this point, all future development is simply refinement and increase in size until maturity at approximately 23 years. Eight weeks is fully two months before the mother usually feels the child's movements, yet there is new life with all of its parts—needing only nourishment.

- During the 9th and 10th weeks, he squints, swallows, and retracts his tongue.
- During the 11th and 12th weeks his arms and legs begin to move. He sucks his thumb, inhales and exhales amniotic fluid; nails start to appear.
- During the 16th week (four months), genital organs are clearly differentiated: he grasps with his hands, swims, kicks and turns somersaults. (His presence still cannot be felt by his mother.)
- During the 18th week, his vocal cords are working and he can cry.
- During the 20th week, hair appears on his head: he weighs about one pound: he is approximately 12 inches long. A fetus (Latin meaning little one, i.e. child, baby) is essentially no different at fertilization, ten weeks, twenty weeks or thirty weeks.

A person's a person no matter how small

Have a blessed Christmas and Celebrate Life



A Once In A Lifetime Opportunity

Prayer, Politics, and The Right To Life - March For Life January 22, 2003

By: Peter Cloonan

Anyone who follows sports knows "Momentum" is how a struggle is won. If you gain "Momentum" people come together and individual efforts combine to become an unstoppable force. At present, our country's culture promotes ending the life of a preborn baby. I have seen politicians applauded for "protecting a woman's right to choose" and major American news papers ignore (not report) 150,000 prayerful marchers calling for respect for life. On November 5, 2002 the tide of the Pro-Life struggle turned. For the first time in 38 years we have the combination of a Pro-Life White House, House of Representatives and Senate. We have a **Once In A Lifetime** opportunity to bring about a change in our culture. Bring about a call to protect human life from conception to natural death in every home, medical establishment, political rally and news source. The time to act is now and the possibilities are endless.

We can all help through prayer. Pray for new political leaders, that they will have the will and the wisdom to act and speak to protect our preborn babies. Pray for the mothers and families faced with this choice. And pray for the volunteers who are engaged in public education and our democratic process. The more people are aware of the realities of abortion the less it will be a considered "A Choice."

Help change our culture through both prayer and the democratic process by coming to the 2003 March For Life. The March For Life is a very well planned event that has taken place every year since the January 22, 1974 Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade.

On January 22, 2003, tens of thousands of priests, religious and good people will gather at the Washington Monument to hear speeches from representatives from the House, Senate and White House. Following the rally we will prayerfully march up Constitution Avenue to the Capital Building. This is a great opportunity to become educated and be counted as someone who cares about life. We travel to Washington by a bus that meets here at Saint Rose. Our day is completed by celebrating Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The passionate service I attended there stands as the highlight of my spiritual life.

Pray and act to create a country where our leaders and medical professionals encourage respect for God's greatest gift.

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Mission Statement

To peacefully promote, with compassion and love, a higher standard of ethics and morality in accordance with God's commandments. To defend life in all its stages from conception to natural death, through prayer, education, witness, political action, charitable assistance to those in need, and by opposing that in our society which degrades the sanctity of life.

A Bishop's Letter

By: the Most Reverend John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark
Submitted by: Bob & Joan Dyer

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If aliens from another planet were to visit planet Earth, they would notice a number of peculiarities. They might wonder why supposedly intelligent beings killed 1/3 of their own offspring while they were still in the womb. They might be amazed at the number of offspring who are abused and sometimes killed after birth. They might be shocked to find out that humans were seeking the right to kill handicapped or elderly people. They would be appalled to find people killing their own fellow citizens in civil wars or putting people to death to show it is wrong to murder people. They would be right if they threw up their hands and said, "These people are barbarians - they have no respect for human life. They are living in a culture of death that will lead to their extinction, unless they regain a genuine respect for human life."

Each of us ought to try to see what we can do to stop this lack of respect for human life. None of us can do everything but each of us can do something to restore such respect. Someday each of us will appear before God, our Creator, and each of us will be asked, "What did you do to save the lives of my children?"

If we have honestly tried to do what we could to protect and respect human life, we will not be alone. We will have thousands of the innocent victims whose lives we tried to save pleading for us before the throne of God their Father.

Rhode Island Pro-Life Advocate Defended in Free Speech Case

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Ann Arbor, MI -- The Thomas More Law Center, a national public interest law firm based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit in Rhode Island on behalf of its seventy-one year old client, Joseph Manning.

As alleged in the lawsuit, on September 28, 2002, Manning was publicly protesting against abortion outside the Women's Medical Center, an abortion clinic in Cranston, Rhode Island, something he has been doing for more than five years.

Manning was approached by the Cranston police and was told that he would be arrested if he did not voluntarily put away his signs that depict images of aborted babies. When Mr. Manning refused to put away his signs, the police confiscated them.

The Thomas More Law Center's lawsuit seeks a declaration from the federal court that Manning's constitutional rights were violated, monetary damages for the violations, and a permanent injunction to prevent further violations.

Handling the case for the Thomas More Law Center is Associate Counsel Edward L. White III. Rhode Island attorney, Susan Iannitelli, is serving as local counsel.

The Thomas More Law Center defends the religious freedom of Christians, time-honored family values, and the sanctity of human life through litigation, education, and related activities.

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A Mother's Letter

By: Queta Donovan

A letter to Kevin Donovan III, lay missionary in the diocese of Montego Bay, Jamaica for 1 year and E. Kiquis Donovan, lay missionary in China for almost 2 years.

My dearest Children on Missions

Today I felt like writing you from my heart. To celebrate Life. **LIFE in Christ!** Life like you live on mission full time... that is worth living. Praise the Lord!

Conceiving a child is a wonderful feeling, a joyful and incredible feeling. God allowed me to feel it when you both were conceived; that moment in my life, when your life was in my life, in my inner self with God's creating power! How powerful it was, what a serene feeling, so tender and beautiful. Your life, with God's living spirit in me! The Almighty making me part of His creation, how blessed and full of grace from heaven that moment was.

I began to teach you about God already in my womb! Those nine months when you were in me were beautiful. We praised the Lord so many times, we laughed, we cried for joy, we prayed. I was preparing myself spiritually and materially for your coming. I began to give myself fully to you. I love you with my whole heart.

Because I was fortunate to know of your existence inside me I was able to begin your first **9 First Fridays to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** from that very first moment. That was precious to me. I couldn't wait to tell you face to face that this world is meant to praise and worship our good and eternal Lord!.. but already you knew this from my soul to your soul, because we were one. Like you and Jesus right now are one. Praise the Lord!

When you were born. I was so amazed to see your body so tiny but so infinitely eternal... thinking about your soul! **LIVING SOUL! That Soul that the Lord created with love for you and for His glory.**

Celebrating Life, your life that you began to live with innocent and missionary experience many times, giving your precious childhood years to the poor. When you Kevin, were saving the broken pencils that your classmates didn't want. You put them aside for the poor children. You did so many beautiful things that I treasure in my heart. Kiquis, always you were so strong in giving yourself totally to others without thinking twice. Giving

away your toys, clothing, time, etc. That was gratifying to my soul!

Now you both have completed your studies. You have become full-time missionaries and this is LIFE. This is what my soul desired... **We raised you to be heralds of Christ because that is what the Lord created you for.** To have you working unconditionally for the Glory of God... not to be immersed in this society full of empty promises, money, technology, power, drugs, or other distractions that are superfluous to the kingdom of God!

You have received a good education and you have many gifts to share with the world, expecting nothing, not even being paid for your time and dedication; **only trusting the Providence of our good Lord.** Glory to God... my soul is so blessed by your indefatigable self giving, I don't know how to thank God for this favor received from you!!!! Thank You!!!!

Thank you, because you have been open to receive all that has been told to you by the Mother Church. You are the hope of the Church with your youth. You have given much time in many missions around the world already. To give your youth to the Lord is AWESOME! **FULL-TIME IS BEAUTIFUL!** I am so glad that you are giving an example to the youth of today who often don't want to see or care... but you are there. Praise the Lord!

I just wanted to tell you my children, that you are loved - and missed, but in a beautiful way: tender, lonely, silent and precious. **Your absence is a very joyful fulfillment!** I am part of you in your missions. **We are so united in the Eucharist,** I feel you so close yet you are so far away. That is amazing! I am working with you because you are part of me, and besides I am praying for you. For your hands, your minds, your deeds. But remember **everything is for the Glory of God.** Also many people are praying for you. That I treasure deep in my heart. That is beautiful to the eyes of the Lord.

You are the fruit of the ardent flame of this Love between your Dad and me which has been growing for years, sharing with others the love of Jesus. You converted your souls into a diamond that brightens the world in missions and makes our LOVE more beautiful. **Our love that God gave us when You became a SOUL for ETERNITY!**

Keep your work for the Lord pure and holy, let us rejoice with the graces of the Lord, day by day. Celebrate Life like you have been doing. Cheerfully and in happiness. Full of radiant Life, **LIFE IN CHRIST!**

May the Blessed Mary keep you safe and cover you with her mantel, so you can do your best for the Glory of God!

With all my unconditional Love, humbly

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Job 8:10

And they shall teach thee: they shall speak to thee, and utter words out of their hearts.

The Pill: Beauty aid or medical tragedy?

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By Elaine Mueller, Editor of HLI Reports
Submitted by Helga Roegele

Magazines and TV appeal to a woman's vanity when they advertise certain types of birth control pills, claiming that the Pill can improve a person's complexion. But these ads and, more often than not, the doctors and pharmacists prescribing and dispensing these drugs, do not bother to warn young women about the increased risk of breast cancer involved in taking hormonal birth control drugs such as the Pill, Norplant and Depo Provera.

Dr. Chris Kahlenborn, a proudly-pro-life medical doctor, has studied extensively the effects of the Pill on the health of women, specifically the Pills link to breast cancer. He spoke at HLI's 18th World Conference on Life, Love and Family, and shared with his audience not only the frightening link between breast cancer and the Pill, but the other harmful effects of other contraceptives and abortifacients.

Dr. Kahlenborn presented the many studies done of the link between oral contraceptives and breast cancer, and explained in layman's terms the strengths and weaknesses of each of these studies.

Dr. Kahlenborn showed how and why women who have not had a full-term pregnancy are more susceptible to the dangerous carcinogenic effects of the Pill. One study showed there was little increase in the rate of breast cancer among women that have been on the Pill. The study failed to take into account and examine with special care childless women who had been on the Pill. The study also used data from studies done in the 1960s and '70s. Dr. Kahlenborn likened this to studying the effect of cigarette smoking on lung disease three years after tobacco was discovered.

Dr. Kahlenborn equipped his audience with the how and why of the link between breast cancer and the Pill. He also mentioned other serious health risks associated with the Pill and other contraceptives.

For example, women on the Pill have an increased rate of invasive cervical cancer, liver cancer, heart attacks, strokes, depression, migraines and hair loss. Dr. Kahlenborn was quick to inform his audience, however, that there is also a decreased rate of uterine and ovarian cancer with PUI use, since many people will speak of the advantages of the Pill and pro-lifers must be ready to debate these issues.

Dr. Kahlenborn also pointed out the harm of Depo Provera. A woman under 25 who takes Depo Provera for two years has a 190 percent higher chance of getting breast cancer. If she takes it for more than five years' her chance of getting invasive cervical cancer goes up 430 percent.

Dr. Kahlenborn included many other fascinating facts in his presentation, Oral Contraceptives and Breast Cancer, which is available from HLI for \$5.00. Call 800/549-LIFE

The Truth About Child Abuse

By: Stephen Baskerville in the National Conservative Weekly
Dr. Baskerville is professor of political science at Howard University
Submitted by Bob & Joan Dyer

April [was] "Child Abuse Prevention Month," according to the Department of Health and Human Services. Kinaya Sokoya, director of the D.C. Children's Trust Fund, suggest[ed] we use the occasion to "raise the public's awareness" about child abuse through "public education" and "funding parent-support programs." In plain English, what this means is more government programs of questionable efficacy.

It is not likely we are going to reduce child abuse by "educating" anyone, especially given the message Sokoya sends to child abusers: "In order to take good care of your child, you must take good care of yourself."

The public is already aware that we are in an epidemic of child abuse. Less widely known but still well understood among researchers is what causes it. What we lack is the resolve to face the politically incorrect truth.

The massive growth of child abuse coincides directly with the divorce revolution and fatherless homes. As Sokoya tacitly acknowledges, child abuse takes place overwhelmingly in the homes and at the hands of single parents.

A study just released by the Heritage Foundation confirms that children are up to 33 times more likely to be abused in a single-parent home than in an intact family. "Contrary to public perception," write Patrick Pagan and Dorothy Hanks, "research shows that the most likely physical abuser of a young child will be that child's mother, not a male in the household." A 1996 HHS study found that "almost two-thirds [of child abusers] were females" and mothers accounted for 55% of child murders according to a 1994 Justice Department report.

As Maggie Gallagher writes in her 1996 book, *The Abolition of Marriage*: "The person most likely to abuse a child physically is a single mother. The person most likely to abuse a child sexually is the mother's boyfriend or second husband. . . . Divorce, though usually portrayed as a protection against domestic violence, is far more frequently a contributing cause."

The only thing unusual in the sensational case of Andrea Yates is that the couple remained married. Most child abusers first eliminate the father through unilateral divorce or separation, whereupon they can abuse his children with impunity.

As the Heritage report confirms, the safest place for a child is an intact, two-parent home—that is, a home with a father in it. Children's natural protectors are their fathers. Even feminist Adrienne Burgess observes that "fathers have often played the protector role inside families." Removing the father is what exposes the children to danger.

Yet removing fathers is precisely what family court judges routinely do at the mere request of mothers, who file two-thirds to nine-tenths of divorces. Ironically, this is often affected with trumped-up charges of child abuse, though statistically biological fathers seldom abuse their children (6.5% of child murders, according to the DOJ study). Judges claim they remove the father, even when no evidence of abuse has occurred, to “err on the side of caution.” In fact they are erring on the side of danger, and it is difficult to believe they do not realize it.

Dickens observed “the one great principle of the . . . law is to make business for itself.” In this instance, family courts and child protective bureaucracies make business for themselves by eliminating the father from the home, thus creating the environment conducive to abused children. Appalling as it sounds, the conclusion seems inescapable that we have created a massive governmental machine staffed by officials with a vested professional interest in abused children.

This is a shocking statement, but it proceeds predictably from the logic inherent to all bureaucracies: to perpetuate the problem they ostensibly exist to address.

The logic is marvelously self-justifying and self-perpetuating, since by eliminating the father, government officials can then present themselves as the solution to the problem they themselves create. The more child abuse—whether by parents or even by the social work bureaucracies themselves—the more the proffered solution is to further expand the child abuse bureaucracy. Waxing indignant about a string of child deaths at the hands of social workers in the District of Columbia, federal judges and the Washington Post find solace in the D.C. government's solution: hire more social workers (and lawyers too for some unspecified reason). “Olivia Golden, the Child and Family Services' latest director . . . will use her increased budget to recruit more social workers and double the number of lawyers.” Lawyers, not fathers, now protect children.

If we do not have the courage to tell the truth about who is abusing children and the role of government in permitting and even encouraging them to do it, then all our professed concern for children is mere posturing. We do no service to children or to public awareness by funding groups and programs with an interest in obscuring the truth and exacerbating the problem.

Planned Parenthood and Pedophilia

Excerpted from “The Tale of the Tapes” as printed in the September 2002 issue of “Citizen”

By: Karla Dial

Submitted by: Jack Leitner

Life was looking pretty good to to Anne Bennett in 1999.

Her job at a Pennsylvania law firm was going well. She had two daughters, 10 and 13, she was very proud of. And best of all, she was engaged to a man she was sure would make a great stepdad.

That September, though, Bennett got the news that would bring her tranquil world crashing down: Her fiancé had

been sexually abusing her older daughter for more than a year.

It didn't seem like things could get any worse—but a few months later, they did. Her daughter told her that as a result of the abuse, she had gotten pregnant twice within five months. Both times, her mother's fiancé had taken her to an abortion clinic in Maryland, where they checked in with their real names, ages and addresses. Despite their two last names and an obvious 20-year age gap, the man didn't claim to be her stepfather or any other relative—he merely reminded the girl to stick to the story he'd coached her on all week, answered all the questions for her during the counseling session and paid for the abortion in cash.

Five months later, when he took the 13-year-old back for the second abortion, clinic workers recognized the pair and told them they didn't have to fill out all those forms again. But the staff didn't call the police or the state Department of Social Services to report a suspected sexual abuse case, as the law requires them to do.

In late June, Bennett filed a civil lawsuit. It wasn't against her former fiancé though—he already was serving a 17-35-year sentence in a Pennsylvania state penitentiary.

This lawsuit was filed in Maryland against the National Abortion Federation, accusing the group of helping cover up the crimes of the man who raped her daughter.

JoAnne Bennett isn't alone. The results of a 10-month sting operation conducted by Life Dynamics, Inc. (LDI)—a pro-life organization based in Denton, Texas—show that abortion clinics have their own interests at heart when dealing with pregnant girls under the age of consent.

Though laws defining it vary widely, all 50 states list statutory rape as a prosecutable offense—one health care workers are nearly always required to report. To find out if abortion clinics uphold those laws, Life Dynamics hired a 23-year-old woman to call 800 Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and National Abortion federation (NAF) facilities around the country posing as a 13-year-old girl seeking an abortion who didn't want her parents to find out she was having sex with a 22 year-old man.

According to Life Dynamics President Mark Crutcher, the results were shocking: 91 percent of the clinic workers said they were required by law to report the statutory rape, but then assured her they wouldn't. Most advised the caller not to mention her boyfriend's age when she checked in for the abortion, so no one would ask her any questions. Several warned she'd already given them too much information and if she came to them, they'd have to report it—but then gave her the number of another clinic and instructed her to either keep quiet or lie about the age difference. A few even said that if she showed up with the right amount of cash, she and her boyfriend could be any age they wanted.

“This is going on all over the country, and Planned Parenthood is providing the protection for these pedophiles,” Crutcher told Citizen. “We're going through this national tragedy right now with the Catholic church, and my view is that anybody who protects pedophiles

goes to jail. I don't care who they are—but right now the only people we seem to be interested in are Catholic priests. Planned Parenthood workers seem to be immune.”

Ironically, Crutcher said, it was the abortion industry that first noticed the trend of adult men impregnating underage girls in increasing numbers, starting about 10 years ago. A study published in 1995 by the Alan Guttmacher Institute—the research arm of Planned Parenthood—documented what abortion clinic workers were seeing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, several peer-reviewed medical journals and Planned Parenthood internal data have corroborated the evidence over the years. In 1998, former Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders wrote in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that “over half of all infants born to women younger than 18 years are fathered by adult men, with 40 percent of 15-year-old girls having infants with partners aged 20 years or older. . . Research suggests that the younger the mother, the greater the partner age gap.”

But instead of helping to solve the problem by upholding laws requiring health care workers to report sexual abuse, the abortion lobby has chosen to spend its energy finding ways to get around them, and keep teenage girls coming through clinic doors, no matter who their partners are. In some states, they are aided by laws that narrowly define sexual abuse as an act committed by a parent or immediate family member—meaning clinic workers don't always have to report older boyfriends. But for workers in states where that is illegal, there is K. Kaufmann's 1997 publication, *The Abortion Resource Handbook*, which offers not only detailed advice on how to get around parental-notification and informed-consent laws, but also includes interviews with abortion clinic workers on how they circumvent reporting laws in their states. And in 1999, Planned Parenthood published a tutorial for girls wanting "healthier" sexual relationships with older men called *Unequal Partners: Teaching about Power and Consent in Adult-Teen Relationships*.

Crutcher pointed out that the tactics outlined in Kaufmann's book are virtually identical to those his pseudo-13-year-old caller encountered on the phone five years later. And that, he believes, is no coincidence.

“Their [legal] exposure in this thing is monumental,” he said of the abortion industry. “They can't afford to change. They realize if it becomes public knowledge that they adhere to the state-mandated reporting laws, these girls will quit coming to them. So they can abide by the law and lose one of their big profit centers or protect the profit center and violate the law.”

“The question is, will our culture allow them to protect the profit and violate the law?”

Planned Parenthood and the NAF had little to say to the media in the wake of the Life Dynamics report. PPFA President Gloria Feldt, while denying not one detail of Crutcher's charges, told the Associated Press that Life Dynamics is “trying to damage Planned Parenthood and also eliminate reproductive health services in this country. They'll use any tactics they can. . . . [PPFA workers are trying to] provide callers with what I'd call a comfort

level.” -----

To date, the ripple effects of Life Dynamics' survey haven't spread too far from the center. A few national media outlets—most notably the Fox News Channel and World Net Daily—reported it when the results were released in May. A Connecticut television station, still reeling from the shock of seeing a 75-year-old man arrested after impregnating a 10-year-old Bridgeport girl a month earlier, picked up the story and ran with it—calling the same clinics and finding workers with the same names of the people on the incriminating LDI tapes.

As a result, Jack Bailey, Connecticut's chief state's attorney, met with local Planned Parenthood administrators June 12, to give them a refresher course on what they can and can't tell underage callers. -----

But so far, no criminal suits have been filed and left-leaning news organizations haven't touched the story – a fact that has stuck in the craw of Gregory Hession, a Massachusetts lawyer who specializes in defending families against false allegations of child abuse.

“Where are the feminists? Where is NOW?” Hession asked. “Why have there not been articles in *The New York Times* and *Washington Post* about all these girls who are being abused? The priest pedophilia is just a fraction of what Planned Parenthood has enabled.”

What Crutcher would ultimately like to see happen is a tidal wave of civil suits like JoAnne Bennett's come crashing down on Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers that circumvent the law for profit. If the Catholic church can pay millions in damages to sexual abuse victims for covering up the crimes of a few priests, Crutcher figures Planned Parenthood—which attracts at least 450,000 teenage girls each year- is exposed to even greater liability.-----

TAKE ACTION: For a free copy of the Life Dynamics report, log on to www.ldi.org or the group's new Web site www.ChildPredators.com; or call 940-380-8800.

Contact STOPP international, another group committed to fighting Planned Parenthood, at P.O. Box 1350, Stafford, VA 22555; phone 540-659-4171.

Clinic workers' In their own words

Colorado: “Let me stop you right here because if you tell me anything else, I have to call the police. You're 13 and your partner's 22, right? So what you need to do-is call completely anonymously and . . . talk to someone on our appointment line. And don't tell us anything about who your partner is.”

Connecticut: “Because you are a minor and he is older than 18, that's called statutory rape. . . . When you go over to Norwich. . . don't tell them that information, OK ?”

Iowa: “If I was you—and this is strictly off the record—I would not say anything about your boyfriend being 22.”

Kentucky: “By law, we should. But we've never reported anybody.”

Missouri: “He's 22? You know what? I would not bring him in. Forget you told me that.”

New Jersey: “As long as you have the money and yourself, you're fine. You don't have to worry about anybody but your boyfriend and yourself knowing about it. If anyone else knows, it'll be someone y'all tell.”

North Carolina: “I wouldn't advise you to say anything about your boyfriend being 22, because that's statutory rape.”

Utah: “You could change his age, Don't tell anyone I said that.”