

DEFENDING LIFE

On March 5th, 2021, a few Christians performed a Rescue at an abortion mill in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. Some were arrested that day on charges of trespassing. Those charges were handled by the local court, and they went back to their daily lives. 18-months later, the FBI raided the homes of Tennessee residents Paul Vaughn and Chet Gallagher to let them know that they were facing federal charges under the FACE Act. The other defendants were either served papers or informed via a polite phone call. If found guilty, they face up to 11 years in federal prison and a fine of \$260,000.

PROTECTING DEATH

"The United States submits that the FACE Act should be broadly interpreted to include all forms of physical obstructions to clinic access, even where those obstructions are temporary, incomplete, or do not employ particular tactics."

— From a recent opinion from the 6th Circuit Court.

The DOJ is expanding the definition of what constitutes a violation of the FACE Act, to the point that any form of protest or sidewalk counseling may become illegal.

TRIAL SCHEDULE

6 people are being tried in Federal Court in Nashville for defending innocent life. Jury selection will be the first order of business; then, lawyers can deliver opening statements. The trial was initially scheduled for January 16th, 2024, but was rescheduled for the 22nd. If the jury selection or cross-examinations of witnesses are extended, the trial will likely go into the week of the 29th.

STAY INFORMED

- Watch trial updates on the evening livestream on the Stifled Cry YouTube channel.
- Hear the defendants' stories on the Stifled Cry podcast. Listen wherever podcasts are found.
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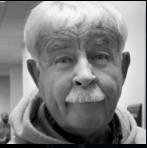


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6 courageous souls are on trial
for defending innocent life.
Now what?

DEFENDANTS



CHET GALLAGHER

Husband, father, grandfather, and former Las Vegas police officer.



HEATHER IDONI

Wife and mother. Currently incarcerated and awaiting sentencing for a rescue in DC.



CAL ZASTROW

Husband, father of 4, grandfather, and full time minister.



COLEMAN BOYD

Husband, father of 13, minister, and ER physician.



PAUL VAUGHN

Husband, father of 11, grandfather, and small business owner.



DENNIS GREEN

Husband, father of 13, grandfather, and missionary.

USA v. GALLAGHER, et al.

The defendants are facing federal charges for Violation of the FACE Act and Conspiracy Against Civil Rights for performing a Rescue at an abortion mill in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, in March of 2021. The trial was scheduled to begin in Nashville on January 16th, 2024. However, due to winter storm Heather, the trial has been delayed and is currently set to start on January 22nd. If found guilty, they each face up to 11 years in federal prison and a fine of \$260,000.

RESCUES

A Rescue was a common variation on the "sit-in" protest. Typically, that meant that a group of people would block the doors of an abortion mill before they opened on kill days and refuse to allow anyone to enter the building.

A common refrain was, "No babies will be killed here today." Rescues often led to arrests and various charges at the local level, usually concerning trespassing or something similar. A few mills established "buffer zones" around the building, making it illegal for any form of protest, even sidewalk counseling, to happen within a certain radius of the building.

THE FACE ACT

In 1993, Senator Ted Kennedy and Representative Chuck Schumer sponsored the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE). This was in direct response to rescues and protests against abortion. The FACE Act passed the House and the Senate with bipartisan support and the addition of a clause that gave places of religious worship the same protections.

In 2022, the DOJ started adding conspiracy charges to FACE Act violation charges, increasing the maximum penalty for a violation from 1 year in prison and a \$10,000 fine, to 11 years and a \$260,000 fine.

PRAY FOR:

- The strength and peace of the defendants and their families.
- The light of Christ to shine in the courtroom despite the efforts of the prosecution.
- Fathers to become responsible for the raising up of their children in love.
- The Church to repent of the sin of child sacrifice and be unified in calling abortion murder.