

Ebay Auction to raise legal defense funds for Scott Roeder

By Dave Leach

News, history, background, perspective

Our idea for an auction to raise money for Scott Roeder's legal defense began August 27 with my vain attempt to deflect a totally disrespectful comment from Don Spitz.

After recounting how I had edited errors in the Wikipedia entry about me, Don replied, "I'm quite honored to know a famous person such as yourself. Maybe, someday, if the Lord wills, I can meet you again face to face and obtain an official autograph, which I can then auction off on E-bay."

Some day I would like to recount that story. For now, we will fast forward to November 2, the 150th anniversary of the last day of John Brown's trial, when eBay pulled down our auction citing violations of its vague policy, after a week of almost daily front page headlines about it.

My auction was up for 20 hours and 21 minutes, and eBay was looking for it but couldn't find it! That's right, I posted it at 7:30 pm on the nose Sunday night, November 1, 2009, and about 11pm a story went out about it in the Kansas City Star which described the items but didn't say where to find it; they didn't pull it until 4:51 pm Monday, right after an AP story went out with one more clue where to find it!

Specifically, I auctioned a catechism written by Michael Bray titled "The Faith Once Delivered". The Sunday night story called it only a "document of religious instruction" by a "convicted clinic bomber". The Monday story identified it as a "catechism" by "Bray". Although I had spelled it "B.r.a.y". I auctioned what I called a "prolife Bible" owned by Shelley Shannon. Both articles only mentioned a "Bible" and "Shannon", but I had spelled it "S.h.a.n.n.o.n". The Monday story, adding the search word "catechism", narrowed down their search.

Coincidence? That eBay pulled it 46 minutes after the second article? Surely! How could the Google Search Gurus fail to find my auction, on their own site, within minutes?! Especially after a KC Star story drew their attention to it! Surely the only reason they delayed so long was that they saw the innocence of what I had posted, and the innocence of my intent explained in the accompanying article, and reconsidered their fear that I was their enemy.

I had been hopeful.

But alas! Not so. Roxanne Hegeman of the AP told me eBay had asked HER for the link to my auction! She didn't give it, until she released her story containing it!

Options remain for us. Software is available to let us run our own auction. A couple of packages I looked at are \$400, and I imagine there will be a learning curve, so we'll see. We have had enough publicity, I think, to attract buyers. Especially if we do it soon.

In case is wondering, no, I am not such a "publicity hound" that I enjoy, and actively seek, news coverage that feeds public misunderstanding of what I am doing.

But I have been pondering the "bad press" Jesus got from the Pharisees, and how He handled it, and a strategy remains alive in my mind how to turn this all around into a public move to end abortion. I explained a little in a post after the November 3 story announcing everything had been pulled down:

["When I explain to average citizens how judges in abortion prevention trials have gotten in the habit of calling the fact issue of the nature of what Scott Roeder prevented a "question of law" which juries are unqualified to know about, people are appropriately incredulous. "This is America", Scott's ex wife Lindsey told Alan Colmes after I was on. "Of COURSE Scott will get his trial by jury."](#)

["News stories haven't said much to explain the Necessity Defense yet, because Scott hasn't yet declared publicly that he will use it. I am hopeful that will happen soon, the de fact denial or trial by jury will be fully explained, and average people will understand and correct it."](#)

True, we all know abortion has been "legal" for 37 years. What lawyers know but average people have not been told, is what courts have done to our Constitutional Right to Trial By Jury all these years to keep abortion "legal".

Do you think it is radical, extremist, hateful, bigoted, to ask that a jury be told the only contested issue of a trial? I don't.

More info at saltshaker.us/Scott-Roeder-Resources.htm.

And yes, "cynical", you are right about eBay's double standard. They still have heavy sales of "Hit Man", too. My auction stayed up 20 hours and 21 minutes because eBay's Google Gurus literally couldn't find my site! I find that very hard to believe, but I know because they actually asked a reporter for the link, and didn't take it down until its location was revealed in a story! No such excuse for "Hit Man". That is very easy to find.

My letter to eBay about these inconsistencies, and appealing to them to let me work with them, is at the above link.

With that introduction, let's back up a week to the October 27 AP story saying eBay vowed to shut us down. October 25, Sunday, Judy Thomas of the KC Star had broken the story about our plans for an auction starting the following Sunday, November 1. Here is the October 27 story:

eBay: No auction for suspect in Kan. doc's death

By **MARIA SUDEKUM FISHER, AP**

Online retailer eBay said Tuesday it will block an auction planned to raise money for the man charged with killing Kansas abortion provider George Tiller.

Supporters of the man had said that they wanted to raise money to pay for Scott Roeder's defense. They planned to auction off items including an Army of God manual, an underground publication for anti-abortion militants that describes ways to shut down clinics, including bombing.

Also on the auction list was a prison cookbook compiled by Shelley Shannon, the Oregon woman who shot and wounded Tiller in 1993 and was later convicted in a series of abortion clinic arsons and bombings.

"Based on the details we know about the anticipated listings, we believe these would violate our policy regarding offensive material," eBay said in a statement.

If the items were posted, eBay said it would remove them from the online marketplace site because the company "does not allow listings that promote or glorify violence, hate, racial or religious intolerance.

"We do not allow items that encourage, promote or instruct others to engage in illegal activity and will not be a platform for those who promote violence toward others," the company statement said.

Tiller had been the target of protests for most of the 36 years that he performed abortions at his Wichita clinic, where he practiced as one of the nation's few providers of late-term abortions. He was fatally shot in his church in May.

Roeder, 51, is charged with first-degree murder in Tiller's death and is being held without bond. His trial has been scheduled for January.

Dave Leach, a Des Moines, Iowa, abortion opponent who was organizing the auction, said Tuesday he had contacted eBay about what the auction would entail, and also to tell the company "that we're not out for glorifying violence. We're wanting to get a man to his right by a trial by jury."

Leach questioned eBay's decision to stop the auction for Roeder, but said that the decision doesn't surprise him. He said other projects are in the works to raise money for Roeder, who has been appointed public defenders, but was considering hiring private lawyers.

"The items that we're thinking of marketing have historical value in the history of freedom of speech in the pro-life movement," Leach said.

Here is a parallel story in the KC Star:

Posted on Tue, Oct. 27, 2009 Printed Oct 28, Front Page

EBay refuses benefit auction for Roeder

By JUDY L. THOMAS

The Kansas City Star

An eBay auction planned by abortion opponents to raise money for the man accused of killing Wichita abortion doctor George Tiller will not be permitted, company officials said Tuesday.

“Based on the details we know about the anticipated listings, we believe these would violate our policy regarding offensive material,” the company said in a statement to The Kansas City Star. “eBay will not permit the items in question to be posted to the eBay site, and they will be removed if they are posted.”

The announcement came the same day that Tiller’s family implored eBay to prevent the auction.

“These materials contain hate messages, glorify violence against abortion doctors who provide constitutionally protected medical services, and instruct on means of violence, including bombing, of abortion clinics,” said Lee Thompson, an attorney for the Tiller family, in a letter sent to eBay on Tuesday and approved by Tiller’s widow, Jeanne Tiller.

“We urge you to deny access to the resources of eBay for this reprehensible and vile ‘auction.’ ”

The auction was intended to raise money for the defense of Scott Roeder, who is charged with first-degree murder in Tiller’s death and is scheduled to go on trial in January. Currently, Roeder is being represented by public defenders.

Roeder’s supporters are encouraging him to use a “necessity defense,” saying that Tiller’s killing on May 31 was an act of justifiable homicide. Other anti-abortion activists charged with violent crimes have tried to use such a defense, but with little success.

Those working on the fundraiser said banning the auction was a violation of their rights.

“They’re not only chilling the First Amendment of the Constitution, they’re raping the whole Constitution,” said Regina Dinwiddie, a Kansas City abortion opponent and friend of Roeder.

She said the move wouldn’t stop those who are trying to help Roeder.

“We have other plans that I’m not at the discretion to say right now,” she said. “This is money for Scott Roeder so he can have a true defense. They’re trying to shoot down the truth of what went on behind Tiller’s closed doors and fenced gates, but it’s not going to work.”

The controversy arose after an article in Sunday’s Star about the auction. Items being donated included an Army of God manual, a prison cookbook compiled by a woman doing time for abortion clinic bombings and arsons, and several autographed drawings submitted by Roeder.

One drawing was of David and Goliath that depicted David holding the head of Goliath and the name “Tiller” on Goliath’s forehead. The words “child-murdering industry” were written on the corpse.

Dave Leach, an Iowa abortion opponent who was organizing the auction, planned to launch it Sunday. He was donating a reprint of an Army of God manual, an underground publication that describes dozens of ways to shut down abortion clinics, including bombing. Leach, who published the manual in 1996 in his magazine, Prayer and Action News, said he would cover the pages containing bomb recipes.

The prison recipes were being donated by Shelley Shannon, the Oregon woman who shot and wounded Tiller in 1993 and later was convicted in a series of abortion clinic arsons and bombings.

Dinwiddie, who made headlines in 1995 when a federal judge ordered her to stop using a bullhorn within 500 feet of abortion clinics, planned to donate an autographed bullhorn similar to those she used when protesting.

Roeder's ex-wife, Lindsey Roeder, said she was thrilled the auction was being rejected. She said she contacted eBay on Monday to voice her concerns.

"I believe that this auction could incite more violence on abortion clinics and doctors," she wrote in an e-mail to eBay. "I do not believe that canceling this auction will in any way hinder Scott's right to an adequate defense, as he has a good team of public defenders."

In his letter to eBay, Thompson said that any proceeds of the auction should go to the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board. Such proceeds, he said, would come under the provision of the Son of Sam law in Kansas, which was designed to keep those charged with crimes from profiting from their actions.

In its statement, eBay said, "we do not allow items that encourage, promote, facilitate or instruct others to engage in illegal activity and will not be a platform for those who promote violence toward others."

Leach said eBay's policy was ambiguous.

"They won't allow anything that glorifies violence, they say. Wasn't World War II a bit violent?" he said. "Doesn't eBay do a brisk business in books and artifacts that glorify the U.S. role in it? Isn't the Bible sold on eBay? I can't even imagine how eBay could rewrite its policy in a way that targets us without targeting a huge slice of its customers."

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Shelley Shannon, who has 9 more years to serve for shooting George Tiller in each arm in 1993, commented in an email (prisoners are just now getting a very controlled access to emails; they must pay ten cents a minute to use the computers):

"Yes, the [cookbook] cover is on the way to you, as of Mon. morning, I believe it was. It will need to be copied, because I did some cut and paste with a previous cartoon. You'll see. And PLEASE tell me you are typing the recipes and making a nice-looking booklet (?). I scribbled them out quickly, as you could see, assuming you would make the book itself, so I hope so.

All's well here. Raining today, but supposed to snow tomorrow.

Almost sounds like the lawsuit could be more productive than if they let the auction happen. Not right though. They caved to pro-abort pressure. **It was funny to read the quotes from the pro-abort in Judy Thomas' article. Didn't even fit. As though they had prewritten quotes to use when the media asked for any. Weird.**

By the way, Judy's article was the MO summary news that day in the USA Today.

Blessings to you, Shelley

Here is the article I posted on eBay with the Bible I auctioned, which Shelley had mailed to me about 10 years ago. Notice the hyphens and periods I inserted so search engines, searching for those words, could not easily find them. But honestly, I am still incredulous that these primitive steps held off the Google search team for 20 minutes, much less 20 hours and 21 minutes! My only hope had been to keep it up long enough that eBay's policy makers and lawyers could see my article and reconsider their fear that I am their enemy. Here's the article:

Prolife Bible

Don't believe me. Believe God. This is the King James Version Bible owned by S.h.e.l.l.y S.h.a.n.n.o.n until she sent it to me about 10 years ago when she was transferred from state to federal prison. I have highlighted many verses in it which proliferators cite to show that conception is "when life

begins", at least in God's opinion. Bookmarks help you easily find each one. With the Bible is an article listing the verses and explaining, in some cases, how the verses apply to the issue, or the meanings of the words in the original language.

For example, did you know even *Roe v. Wade* cites a verse from Exodus? Would you like to know how the Court justified genocide out of that verse?

The list of verses here, and comments about them, have been contributed by several prolife activists. In fact, as this auction runs, I will invite prolife friends to contribute additional verses, with explanations of their relevance. I also invite YOU to submit verses and discussion. Send to Pilgrim@Saltshaker.US. The high bidder will receive the Bible and an article compiling all these results.

“VIO-LENCE” IN THE BIBLE. The Bible provides a rational context for judging if and when “vio-lence” is good or evil. Police are deliberately equipped and authorized to be vio-lent. Is it an offense against reason and morality to glor-ify police? Kansas courts sometimes order the kil-ling of kil-lers. Shall we censor those who respect Kansas courts?

The Bible agrees with police and Kansas courts that sometimes the vio-lent need to be vio-lently stopped. Police and courts agree with Ecclesiastes 3 that there is “a time to k.i.l.l, and a time to heal; ...a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.”

So how can comments after news articles be full of condemnation of the Bible because it glor-ifies vio-lence, yet full of respect for police who exist for violence, and for courts which justify their violence? These bloggers express so much rage against any appeal to the moral authority of the vio-lence-tainted Bible that you know many of them would vio-lently censor any mention of God were they under one of the many governments around the world sympathetic with that goal.

This at first appears contradictory, but upon examination it proves merely hypocritical.

There is real disagreement between God and America's police and courts. It is not over whether vio-lence is sometimes just-ified, but it is over when it is just-ified.

God takes the position that ALL who kill the innocent need to be killed. Gen 9.6. God's position is that those who kill killers, through as legal a process as their government permits, are not criminals, nor are they “avenging themselves”, but they are fulfilling God's vengeance. Romans 12:19, Isaiah 63:4.

By contrast, human governments have, throughout history, given kil-lers open season on selected groups of human beings, calling their slaughter “legal”, refusing to recognize it as a “harm”, and prosecuting those who try to save them. This is where the positions of God and of human governments part ways. This is what God promises to judge with the same degree of vio-lence which the vio-lent have committed.

Therefore when people want to censor only that “vio-lence glor-ifying” speech which God justifies, it should be obvious that their real target is that speech which glor-ifies God.

Not that God cares about glory, for His benefit. Who are we, that He should care what we think of Him? Job 35:5-8. But God loves us, and hates what we do to ourselves by justifying genocide. He invites us into Heaven. But if we are this comfortable with genocide all around us, how are we going to be comfortable in Heaven where the very thought of the slightest unkindness would be an abomination?

VIO-LENCE AND LOVE. If God loves all, why is it hard to grasp why Bible verses like Pro 24:10-12 would call us to rescue those being unjustly slaughtered? How can the innocent live, unless those who murder them are stopped? Should we have no police? No courts? No laws?

Laws mean to protect good and restrain evil. It would be absurd for any law to expressly intend great harm. Mark 3:4. In situations where enforcement of the letter of a law would cause harm, the spirit of the law would be violated by enforcement, which is rightly suspended by the Ne-cess-ity De-

fense.

This is S.c.o.t.t R.o.e.d.e.r's defense. It would be absurd to interpret Roe v. Wade as expressly intending genocide. Yet Roe said "the judiciary...is not in a position to speculate" on whether the millions of unborn slain at its direction are human beings. Roe said if triers of fact determine that they are, Roe should "collapse".

Lower courts violate Roe by deciding the fact question which Roe said no judge is qualified to decide: the judges say they can't recognize abortion as harming human beings because it is "legal". Besides that, judges decide this fact question by themselves, before the trial begins, and order defendants not to say a word about their defense, and the only contested trial issue, to the jury, even though they tell juries they are judges of the facts. Attorneys are used to this system, but most Americans would not call this a "trial by jury". They would call it a "trial by a judge".

Nothing can be more illegal than what courts have done all these years to keep abortion "legal".

WHAT WE SUPPORT. Our goal is an end to vio-lence against abortionists, and against babies, through restoring the Constitutional Right to Trial by Jury, even in abortion prevention cases. Proceeds from this auction will be devoted to that end.

I can't imagine anything more American than fund raising for an attorney to give a man his right to a trial by an informed jury. American mailboxes are clogged with fund raising letters to pay attorneys. The ACLU sends out a fund raising letter so they can afford to sue somebody for putting up a Christmas tree. The ACLJ sends out a fund raising letter so they can afford to oppose the ACLU. That's the American system.

I can't imagine anything more unAmerican than any move by anyone to censor such an effort. I would be less surprised by a move like that in Communist China.

That last allusion, for those who don't follow Google news, is that Google has taken public relations heat, although not nearly enough, for readily acceding to Communist China's rules for censoring Christian content, critical comment, and much more from its search engine results throughout China.

Here is my brief description of Mike Bray's Catechism which I likewise posted: (It was mostly written by him):

This Catechism was written by Mike B.r.a.y after a court judgment against him by Planned Parenthood (PP v. ACLA, 1995), for publishing a book, entitled PB to his "writings, published and unpublished." However, PB has done little with its seized books, being unwilling to sell them, or to credit B.r.a.y's judgment for their value. In fact, on October 14, Bray filed a lawsuit against PB for seizing more than Ohio law allowed, and then for not returning them when ordered by the court. The copy for auction, donated by him, is one of 500 printed in the city of his residence, Wilmington, Ohio. It summarizes the doctrines taught to children of Reformation Lutheran Church for 19 years. It used to instruct his remaining at-home children. The copy for sale is signed by its author, A.r.m.y of God activist Don S.p.i.t.z, A.r.m.y of God man-ual (reprint) publisher, Dave L.e.a.c.h, and the original F A C E defendant Re-gin-a Din-wid-die. It deals with traditional church doctrines. It briefly mentions abortion, looking to the day when it will once again be illegal.

For background information about the purpose of this auction, see the article with the Pro-life Bible just posted.

I was still hopeful when I emailed Shelley Shannon at noon Monday. I wrote:

I posted your Bible, that you sent me about 10 years ago, last night at 7:30pm sharp. Along with it I posted Mike Bray's catechism. So far, even though eBay has vowed to take it down immediately, it's

still up, even though last night about 11pm Judy Thomas put her story about it online. However, a separate auction, arranged by Regina, which posted all the incendiary stuff, was taken down an hour ago. The first of the items had been posted about 9pm.

I can only hope the reason eBay has not taken mine down is that they see the innocence of the items, and the innocence of my intent in the accompanying article, and are reconsidering their concern that I am their enemy.

Here is the article I posted alongside your Bible: (It's long, if my audience were bidders; but my audience was eBay attorneys.) (Article not repeated here)

Here's the KC Star article announcing the auction had started:
Posted on Sun, Nov. 01, 2009

Ebay auction to benefit Roeder defense proceeds

By JUDY L. THOMAS

The Kansas City Star

An eBay auction to raise money for the man charged with killing a Wichita abortion doctor launched Sunday night despite eBay's pledge to nix it.

But organizers posted items that were less contentious than those they'd originally planned to sell, and they used spellings that make searches difficult.

"I really am hopeful that eBay can see that once this is up, that it is not a glorification of violence," said auction organizer Dave Leach, an abortion opponent from Iowa. "If the auction stays up, it will only be because eBay has been shamed into recognizing the nonviolent nature of the items."

Ebay officials were not available Sunday for comment. But last week, they said the proposed listings violated the company's policy regarding offensive material.

"We do not oppose all listings that raise money for legal defense funds," said Jack Christin Jr., eBay's associate general counsel for government relations, in a Friday statement. "However, our policy does not permit listings that benefit someone charged with or convicted of a crime."

The auction was planned as a fundraiser for the defense of Scott Roeder, the Kansas City man charged in the May 31 shooting death of late-term abortion provider George Tiller. Roeder's supporters want him to hire an attorney other than his public defenders in order to use a "necessity defense," saying that Tiller's killing was an act of justifiable homicide.

Items organizers said were being donated for the auction include several drawings submitted by Roeder; an Army of God manual that describes dozens of ways to shut down abortion clinics; and a prison cookbook compiled by Shelley Shannon, who shot Tiller in 1993 and is serving time for clinic arsons and bombings.

On Sunday, however, the only items listed were a document of religious instruction written by a convicted clinic bomber and a Bible that belonged to Shannon.

"It has all the pro-life passages highlighted," Leach said of the Bible.

Comments as of 6:54 am Monday, November 2 after Judy Thomas' Kansas City Star story about 11pm Sunday night (online) that announced the auction had started:

KCComments wrote on 11/1/2009 11:51:30 PM: E-Bay was probably afraid of a lawsuit from Roeders supporters. It would not surprise me if the ACLU stepped in if e-bay nixed the auction. If they decided to shut down the auction I don't think people would blame them and it would not hurt their business. But the cost to fight a lawsuit costs money.

sonoflaw wrote on 11/2/2009 12:58:43 AM: Pretty sad Ebay fell to the ignorance of a group

that protest killing, but support one of their own for murder. No wonder Lenny Bruce said, "More people are going to God, than church."

DaveLeach wrote on 11/2/2009 1:02:51 AM: I wish I could see these "company statements". Tuesday it was "...our policy regarding offensive material,,does not allow listings that promote or glorify violence, hate, racial or religious intolerance. We do not allow items that encourage, promote or instruct others to engage in illegal activity and will not be a platform for those who promote violence toward others." I responded that World War II was violent; will eBay censor items honoring our role in it? Friday it was "We do not oppose all listings that raise money for legal defense funds... However, our policy does not permit listings that benefit someone charged with or convicted of a crime." So if we succeed in our goal of trial by an informed jury for Roeder - a jury from which the judge does not hide Roeder's defense, and the only contested issue of the trial, that is a goal which eBay will obstruct using its vast censorship powers? eBay doesn't like the American court system? eBay maybe prefers Chinese judges and censors?

Skeptic wrote on 11/2/2009 1:11:45 AM: eBay is perfectly within its rights to shut down the auction. They have a great many rules and if they're not followed, they can pull any posting and suspend or cancel any user account.

This is only a publicity stunt, after all, by misfits and zealots, the American Taliban, who once again get unearned space in the nation's papers by doing something obscene.

jayhawk6 wrote on 11/2/2009 1:23:37 AM: ebay's explanation is doublespeak. The Leach-Dinwiddie army of demented Christian soldiers got something for their efforts but just how much money they ultimately raise remains to be seen. This has been a publicity stunt, pure and simple.

hajkar wrote on 11/2/2009 6:26:07 AM: I wouldn't be so quick to condemn e-bay. THESE morons launched their auctions like thieves in the night. By their own admission, they carefully used words that make the items hard to find. In fact, my efforts to locate these items came up with nothing. And Dave Leach is still trying to convince us of the parallels of WWII memorabilia and the trash he is trying to sell. The man's actions are as fraudulent as his logic. Moron.

Monday morning about 10 am I talked to Roxanne Hegeman, Associated Press, and made a few notes on just a few of the things I said:

"Ebay's statement Friday says a mother can't sell her son's car to raise money for his lawyer to fight a misdemeanor. That's silly."

Roxanne asked, "but this is murder."

I said, "ebay can't draw the line at the seriousness of the crime, saying they support a trial by jury for less serious crimes but oppose trial by an informed jury for more serious crimes. All we are asking is for Scott's jury to have meaningful participation in his trial. That's not a fanatic, fringe, radical thing to ask.

"America's mailboxes are clogged with fundraising appeals for attorneys to fight landmark cases where people have been accused falsely, or accused honestly of things which shouldn't be crimes. Like where BATF agents barge into an Arizona farm house and terrorize the occupants and carry off records, allegedly for drug suspicions but probably over cattle rights. We raise money for lawyers to fight each other all the time. That's what America is all about. (That got a chuckle from her.)

"Ebay is struggling right now to craft a statement that applies to us without also applying to thousands of others whose censorship would disgust average Americans."

The following is kind of a note to myself. It is where Tiller's own attorney confirms that judges will not allow juries in abortion prevention trials to know the only contested issue. Later I include this statement in my letter to eBay. Here I just highlight it and marvel:

Thompson told Rachel Maddow last Monday, October 26, on MSNBC, "They say the fundraiser is to hire an attorney to advance what's called the Necessity Defense, a

justification for some violent act. But that's been routinely rejected by virtually every court, and it's certainly been rejected by the Supreme Court of Kansas. Which in 1993, and in an abortion case, said to permit such a defense would invite chaos and perhaps could lead ultimately to anarchy. So I can't imagine that any judge sitting in Wichita Kansas would go against the Kansas Supreme Court on that issue."

Here is the AP story Monday, at 3:05 Iowa time, which gave eBay another clue where to find my auction, which they then officially pulled down 46 minutes later.

AP, reprinted on comcast.net

Ebay removes anti-abortion memorabilia from site

Mon Nov 2, 2:05 PM EST

Online auction house eBay says it has begun removing several items put up for sale by anti-abortion activists trying to raise funds for the man accused of killing a Kansas abortion provider.

The San Jose, Calif. company said Monday the items violated its listing policies.

Activists say at least 10 items were removed. But some items from supporters of Scott Roeder could still be found on eBay as of Monday afternoon. Roeder is charged in the May 31 fatal shooting of Dr. George Tiller in his Wichita church.

One of the items still up for sale was a worn Bible that had belonged to Shelley Shannon, an Oregon woman who shot and wounded Tiller in 1993.

Roeder's supporters say they were putting the items on eBay to raise money for his defense.

Here is the Wichita Eagle version,

Wichita Eagle:

WICHITA, Kan. - Online auction house eBay said it has begun taking down several items of anti-abortion memorabilia posted to raise funds for the man accused of killing a Kansas abortion doctor. The company said Monday the items violated its listing policies. Some of the more obscure items were still posted early Monday. One is a worn Bible once owned by Shelley Shannon, the Oregon woman who shot and wounded Dr. George Tiller in 1993 and was later convicted in a series of abortion clinic arsons and bombings. The other is a signed Catechism written by Ohio anti-abortion activist Michael Bray after a court judgment against him. Scott Roeder is charged in the May 31 shooting of Tiller at a Wichita church he attended.

Read more:

http://www.kansas.com/topstories/story/1037464.html?story_link=email_msg#ixzz0Vk5V2GMB

Wichita Eagle Posted on Tue, Nov. 03, 2009

Ebay pulls auctions to benefit Roeder

BY ROXANA HEGEMAN

Associated Press

Online auction house eBay has removed items that were posted for sale by abortion opponents trying to raise money for the defense of a man accused of killing George Tiller, the company said Monday.

Supporters of Scott Roeder posted various items late Sunday in separate eBay auctions,

including an Army of God manual, an underground publication for anti-abortion militants that describes ways to shut down clinics.

After about five hours, eBay removed 10 items, abortion opponents said. The final two items were removed by late Monday afternoon.

eBay said the anti-abortion memorabilia violated its listing policies.

"Today, eBay removed several listings on our site that violated several of our policies including our offensive materials' policy. This policy prohibits items that promote or glorify hatred, violence, racial, sexual, or religious intolerance, or promote organizations with such views," eBay said in a statement.

Roeder is charged with first-degree murder and aggravated assault in the May 31 shooting of Tiller at his Wichita church. Abortion opponents are trying to raise money for Roeder, who was appointed public defenders but is considering hiring private lawyers. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Among the last items removed from eBay was a worn Bible once owned by Shelley Shannon, an Oregon woman who shot and wounded Tiller in 1993 and was later convicted in a series of abortion clinic arsons and bombings. The other was a signed book of religious teachings written by Ohio abortion opponent Michael Bray.

Those two items were posted by Iowa activist Dave Leach. In the description of the Bible, which had 13 bidders and a high bid of approximately \$60 before it was taken down, Leach wrote that Shannon had given it to him a decade ago when she was transferred from state to federal prison.

"Our goal is an end to violence against abortionists, and against babies, through restoring the Constitutional Right to Trial by Jury, even in abortion prevention cases. Proceeds from this auction will be devoted to that end," the listing said.

Roeder's supporters said they want jurors to hear the so-called necessity defense, which claims the killing was necessary to prevent a greater harm like abortion.

"This whole thing is a censorship," Leach said after his postings were taken down. "The judge censors the defense from the jury and here is eBay censoring our efforts to try to end this censorship."

Kansas City abortion opponent Regina Dinwiddie said the 10 items she posted raised several hundred dollars from at least a dozen bidders before eBay removed them. She vowed Roeder's supporters will continue to try to raise funds for his defense.

"I am very disappointed in eBay," Dinwiddie said. "I thought that was the last bastion of free enterprise in America with no political viewpoint, but I see I was mistaken about that."

She said other removed items included three drawings commissioned by Roeder in jail and signed by him, a prison cookbook written by Shannon, several anti-abortion books and bumper stickers, and an oil painting by Clayton Waagner, the man who sent hundred of anthrax scare letters to abortion providers in 2001.

Comments:

[HonestObserver](#) wrote on 11/3/2009 6:22:37 AM: Hate sells or the Eagle wouldn't be picking this scab.

[Cynical](#) wrote on 11/3/2009 7:00:04 AM: Why does ebay continue to sell books from a convicted murderer that is still in prison? Seems like a double standard

[Mr. Obvious](#) wrote on 11/3/2009 8:06:59 AM: Why does the Eagle continue to milk this story? They know these kinds of stories will provoke some ill feelings.

[Calvin43](#) wrote on 11/3/2009 8:19:02 AM: Remember: There was once a time when John Brown of Osawatomie was denounced as a murder and madman. He was hung for inciting rebellion against a government that sanctioned slavery. Today, John Brown is honored and revered as a soldier of freedom for those unable to defend themselves. Who knows what tomorrow will bring? The day may not be far distant when today's opponents of abortion are equally honored and revered as the defenders

of young life over death.

DaveLeach wrote on 11/3/2009 8:26:16 AM: When I explain to average citizens how judges in abortion prevention trials have gotten in the habit of calling the fact issue of the nature of what Scott Roeder prevented a "question of law" which juries are unqualified to know about, people are appropriately incredulous. "This is America", Scott's ex wife Lindsey told Alan Colmes after I was on. "Of COURSE Scott will get his trial by jury."

News stories haven't said much to explain the Necessity Defense yet, because Scott hasn't yet declared publicly that he will use it. I am hopeful that will happen soon, the de fact denial or trial by jury will be fully explained, and average people will understand and correct it.

True, we all know abortion has been "legal" for 37 years. What lawyers know but average people have not been told, is what courts have done to our Constitutional Right to Trial By Jury all these years to keep abortion "legal".

DaveLeach wrote on 11/3/2009 8:33:44 AM:

(Cont'd) Do you think it is radical, extremist, hateful, bigoted, to ask that a jury be told the only contested issue of a trial? I don't.

More info at saltshaker.us/Scott-Roeder-Resources.htm.

And yes, "cynical", you are right about eBay's double standard. They still have heavy sales of "Hit Man", too. My auction stayed up 20 hours and 21 minutes because eBay's Google Gurus literally couldn't find my site! I find that very hard to believe, but I know because they actually asked a reporter for the link, and didn't take it down until its location was revealed in a story! No such excuse for "Hit Man". That is very easy to find.

My letter to eBay about these inconsistencies, and appealing to them to let me work with them, is at the above link.

(I also posted these comments after the following parallel story by Judy Thomas:)

Kansas City Star

Ebay blocks Roeder auction

By JUDY L. THOMAS

The Kansas City Star

An online auction to raise money for the Kansas City man charged with killing a Wichita abortion doctor was short-lived.

eBay took down most of the auction items Monday within hours of the listings being posted.

"They said we had violated their rules," said Regina Dinwiddie, one of the auction organizers. "This is egregious censorship with pro-abortion bias."

On Monday, eBay released a short statement:

"Today, eBay removed several listings on our site that violated several of our policies including our offensive materials policy. This policy prohibits items that promote or glorify hatred, violence, racial, sexual, or religious intolerance, or promote organizations with such views."

Auction organizers posted the items Sunday night and early Monday under two listings. Dinwiddie's listing contained 10 items, including several drawings submitted by Tiller's accused killer, Scott Roeder; an Army of God manual that describes dozens of ways to shut down abortion clinics; and a prison cookbook compiled by Shelley Shannon, who shot Tiller in 1993 and is serving time for clinic arsons.

But organizers also posted two items that were less controversial under a different listing — a Bible that belonged to Shannon and a Catechism written by Michael Bray, an abortion foe who served time in prison in the 1980s for a series of clinic bombings.

Those items were pulled about 4 p.m. Monday.

Dinwiddie said her listings were removed within six hours.

In an e-mail to Dinwiddie, the company categorized the items as “murderabilia.”

“We don’t allow items that are closely associated with individuals convicted of a violent felony to be listed on eBay,” the e-mail said. “Such items can be deeply offensive to the families of victims.”

To reach Judy L. Thomas, call 816-234-4334.

Perhaps the greatest tragedy, which I trust God to work through, was that on Monday I spent 5 hours drafting a letter to eBay appealing to their sense of reason, and for an opportunity to work with them. Mike Bray commented on my letter when I sent him a copy: “Well, you kicked their hind ends, Dave, albeit in unabridged form.”

The double purpose of the letter was to give AP reporter Roxanne Hegeman a response to eBay’s policy decision. I finally got the letter finished and emailed to Roxanne at 2:39 pm.

(Remember that 3:05 pm was the time Roxanne’s article was published on Comcast.net. 3:51 pm – Iowa time – was when eBay pulled my auction.)

It was not until I talked to Roxanne about 5 pm that I found out she never received it!

My email server, Iowalink.com, had suffered a spam attack of half a million spams routed through its server, on Sunday, October 25, the day the auction story broke. A week later they were still cleaning up the mess. Iowalink guru Dave Payer had told me the previous night he would route the AP address safely in another way, but I guess it didn’t work.

I am still hopeful that Roxanne has forwarded it to eBay as I had requested, and that eBay will think about it.

Remember that November 2 was the 150th anniversary of the last day of John Brown’s trial.

Here is my letter:

2:39 pm, Monday, November 2

Sirs,

I am encouraged that although you surely must know where my site is by now, you haven't yet shut it down. (As of 2:38 pm Monday). (I am not talking about the auction posted by mission.for.life, which you pulled.)

I hope that is because you have considered the innocence of what I am posting, and the innocence of my intent explained in the accompanying article, and you are reconsidering your fear that I am your enemy.

(Friends have wondered if you just haven't found it yet, but I give your Google search gurus more credit than that, whom you surely had assigned to the task, considering the determination you expressed to shut it down. Surely you found it within minutes.)

I would be willing to communicate directly, instead of in an open letter through a reporter, but I don't know how. I gave my contact info to Alina Piacentino last week, who said she would have someone call me, but I haven't heard back except through reporters. I told Alina I wanted to work as closely with eBay as possible to post in conformity with your policies in a way that would ruffle the fewest possible feathers.

According to news stories, your Tuesday statement to reporters referenced your general policy that "We don't allow items that promote or glorify...or promote organizations with such views. We'll...remove listings...unless they have substantial...political value."

When I read that some time ago, I could not pinpoint the line drawn by those words. You sell World War II stuff, which "glorifies" our role in it. You do not censor things which honor police, who exist for their capacity for judicious violence. So it seems to me that your statement cannot be made sense of, without a common sense appeal to the context of violence.

I hope the article I posted with our Bible has assured you that our project has nothing to do with "promoting or glorifying violence". It is all about moving judges in abortion prevention trials to stop

censoring the only trial issue, and the only defense, from the hearing of the jury. Does that sound to you like a fanatical, extremist, violence-glorifying, radical goal?

My assertion that it is routine for juries in such cases to have no meaningful participation in them should not seem controversial. Lee Thompson, the attorney for George Tiller who persuaded you to censor me, agrees with me.

Thompson told Rachel Maddow last Monday, October 26, on MSNBC, "They say the fundraiser is to hire an attorney to advance what's called the Necessity Defense, a justification for some violent act. But that's been routinely rejected by virtually every court, and it's certainly been rejected by the Supreme Court of Kansas. ...So I can't imagine that any judge sitting in Wichita Kansas would go against the Kansas Supreme Court on that issue." (I'll send the video if you want to hear it.)

Neither can I. So, add that knowledge (that it is inconceivable that the judge will allow the jury to know about the defense) to the fact that there is no other issue in the trial about which the parties disagree - the defendant does not seriously dispute the charges against what he did - and we see that the only contested issue of the trial is expected by every lawyer to be decided before the trial begins. In fact, probably by December 13, when the hearing is scheduled on that issue.

Do you think when a judge classifies the only trial issue as a "question of law" about which the defendant may not speak to the jury, that a man still has a Constitutional Right to Trial by Jury in America? Every lawyer will answer "yes" or "it doesn't matter" or "b-b-b-but...". Every average citizen that I explain it to seems appropriately incredulous. "Of COURSE Scott will have his Trial By Jury", his ex-wife Lindsey told Alan Colmes after I was on. "This is America!"

I give every detail any layman or lawyer could want, in an entertaining format, in my "Trial By Jury" video series posted at my own website, www.Saltshaker.US/Scott-Roeder-Resources.htm and on Youtube, Dailymotion, Metacafe, and Sevenload. I give many reasons why state supreme courts have erred on this issue.

In other words, the fundamental problem we are trying to correct is the censorship of basic trial information from American juries; and your decision is whether to, at your level, "censor" our efforts to correct this censorship.

Our direct goal is not even to exonerate Scott Roeder. Even if our effort succeeds in getting the defense before the jury, the jury might decide that even though abortion is horrible, it is not horrible enough to justify "murdering a doctor". That is what the fictitious jury decided in the "Law And Order" episode October 23. Our direct goal is just uncensoring trial issues - especially fact issues which rightfully and lawfully belong before juries.

Doesn't it sound to you like this effort has "substantial political value"?

Your policy also bans "Personal belongings of anyone convicted of a violent felony or any work (such as a book) from which they might profit."

I hope you know no felon will profit from our efforts. At most, some lawyer might.

You also ban "...artwork created by...violent felons."

I didn't know this until recently, and so I must apologize for talking last week about the drawings by Scott Roeder, which explicitly violate this rule, at least in the view of almost everybody although he hasn't been convicted.

You ban "Novelty items related to serial killers" Not sure what you mean by "novelty items" but I hope we agree none of the proliferators I mix with have ever been accused of being a "serial killer". That is, unless we count the abortionists we know.

You ban two categories that are too subjective for me to imagine how you might rule, so I would like to negotiate with your representative, item by item, so we do not take anyone by surprise: "Items glorifying...persons convicted of a violent felony" & "Items promoting violence against an individual..."

My purpose in negotiations would not be dispute whether physical action to stop abortion is a "violent felony". I would accept that as a given, for purposes of abiding by eBay rules. My purpose

would be to understand what you count as "glorifying persons" or "promoting violence". I do not see anything we do as falling into those categories, so I need to understand your thinking, and perhaps explain ours. For example, would you accuse the Bible of "promoting violence against an individual" when such individual is slaughtering thousands every year? How about items which honor police, who exist for the purpose of inflicting violence upon individuals when justified? How about Biblical analysis relating to actions taken by people? I don't want to be an unreasonable negotiator; I just want to work things out with as much mutual understanding as possible.

Your Friday statement misrepresents our statements when it says "the organizers of the sale publically announced their intent to provide the proceeds to an individual who has been charged with first degree murder." We have no thought of providing Scott Roeder one single penny from anything we make. We had thought of contributing towards an attorney, and you have to know, if you have attorneys to go over these things, that attorneys don't hire clients. Not in America.

You continue, "our policy does not permit listings that benefit someone charged with or convicted of a violent crime." I hope you do not count fair legal representation as a "benefit" which you would want any part of depriving anyone of, here in America. In law, the 6th Amendment Right to Counsel is a "right", not a "benefit" such as one gets from a welfare office. Surely your verbiage refers to financial payments to the accused, which the Kansas Crime victims compensation law also means.

By the way, did you read what Lee Thompson said about that fund? You need to know not everything this man says is grounded in law. He bluffed as far as to threaten to seize anything we made for that fund.

My analysis of that law is below.

Thank you for leaving my site up this long; I hope it is an indication of your willingness to give me a chance to become a good business partner.

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Here is my analysis of the Victim's Compensation law:

Analysis: Kansas 74-7319 (full text below) applies to "publications, broadcast presentations or live entertainments" who make financial contracts with prisoners to publish their "thoughts, feelings, opinions or emotions".

I think it will take a pretty vivid imagination to mistake an eBay auction for either a publication, or a broadcast presentation, or a live entertainment.

No one has made, or will make, a contract with Scott Roeder to pay him anything.

No one has thought of a way to turn this auction into a foun for Roeder's "thoughts, feelings, opinions or emotions". Unless those ideas which Roeder shares with all Americans are to be interpreted as "his", so that everyone who has published a book about the value of American Trial by Jury must now be ruled to have profited by publishing Roeder's views, and their assets must now be seized and paid into the Victim's Compensation Fund.

More details: One sense of the word "publication" can be "public notification", but the sense demanded by the context of this paragraph is some publication offered for sale, since it is about capturing profits paid by the publisher to the prisoner. Nothing expressing Roeder's "thoughts, feelings, opinions or emotions" is contemplated for sale.

The single exception is the three pencil drawings contributed by Roeder to the auction. No other contemplated auction item is about Roeder or from Roeder. All other items express nothing about Roeder. Therefore, the auction as a whole does not "deal principally with the crime for which the person is accused and convicted", which is a condition for this law to apply.

The law directs the publisher to "pay to the crime victims compensation board all moneys which would otherwise by the terms of the contract be owed to the person who committed or is alleged to have committed the crime." Which of course would be zero, since there is neither written nor oral

contract, and no thought of paying Roeder one penny. All proceeds were envisioned for Roeder's attorney, and as every American knows, attorneys are pretty stingy when it comes to paying their criminal clients. If it happens in Roeder's case, it will be one for the record books.

This law goes after money paid to prisoners, and not to fundraising to raise legal fees which will not be paid to prisoners, for a reason. It is fairly common in American society for groups who feel one of their members is being railroaded in court to raise money for their defense. Examples: a national home school organization publishing and mailing fundraising letters to defend a family accused of home schooling. A Christian legal firm publishing and mailing fundraising letters to resist the ACLU's attack on senior citizens praying over their meals in a Senior Citizen Center in Texas. The NRA raising money to rescue raided gun owners. To go after this category of Redress of Grievances would be an unthinkable, intolerable assault on our freedoms.

The relief available to the family of the crime victim is to get a money judgment in civil court against the prisoner. Roeder would surely be in a poor position to defend himself, from his prison cell, against a civil lawsuit, so perhaps a lawsuit this frivolous could succeed. Except that the attorney paid the money to represent Roeder would be motivated to represent Roeder in resisting it.

It is clear that Kansas 74-7319 comes no nearer authorizing seizure of legal fees than *Roe v. Wade* comes to authorizing judges to subsume the Fact Question of the value of unborn human life under a Law Question which juries must never be told about, leaving juries with no meaningful participation in abortion prevention trials.

What then is left for a purpose for this threat from Tiller's attorney?

Well, it is a bit intimidating. A threat of that magnitude normally succeeds in silencing free speech, and in this case it is aimed additionally at preventing Scott Roeder from acquiring the counsel of his choice.

74-7319

Chapter 74.--STATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

Article 73.--CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION BOARD

74-7319. Moneys payable to accused or convicted person for use of crime in publications, broadcast presentations or live entertainments, disposition; victims, notice of receipt of funds, application for award and payment to. (a) Any individual, partnership, corporation or association which contracts with any person accused or convicted of the commission of a crime in this state, or with a representative or assignee of such a person, to use the crime committed or alleged to have been committed by such person or the expression of such person's thoughts, feelings, opinions or emotions regarding the crime in any book, magazine or other publication or in any movie, radio, television presentation or live entertainment shall pay to the crime victims compensation board all moneys which would otherwise by the terms of the contract be owed to the person who committed or is alleged to have committed the crime, or such person's representatives or assignees, provided, such book, magazine or other publication, movie, radio or television presentation or live entertainment of any kind deals principally with the crime for which the person is accused and convicted. If any person is accused and convicted of the commission of two or more crimes, the crimes shall, for purposes of determining whether such publication, presentation or entertainment deals principally with the crime for which the person is accused and convicted, be combined and considered as one crime.

(b) Upon receipt of such funds pursuant to subsection (a), the crime victims compensation board immediately shall notify the victim of the crime, as defined in K.S.A. 74-7301, and amendments thereto, of such receipt. Within six months of such notification, the victim may file a claim with the board for disbursement of such moneys. If proper application is made and the victim can provide the board evidence of a money judgment within two years of such notification of the victim by the board, and such judgment is against the person accused or convicted of committing such crime, the board shall pay such amount, plus accrued interest at the rate imposed on civil money judgments, to the victim. Such amount shall not exceed the lesser of the amount of the judgment or the amount of the funds

received by the board.

(c) In the event at the time of the notification provided in subsection (b), the applicable civil statute of limitations on filing a civil action against such person accused of or convicted of the crime shall have run, the victim shall have six months from such notification to file a notice of claim as provided in subsection (b) and a civil action against the person accused or convicted of the crime.

(d) For purposes of this section and a civil action for money damages filed hereunder, the limitations imposed on money damages in K.S.A. 60-1903, K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 60-19a01 and subsection (e) of K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 60-3701, and amendments thereto, shall not apply.

History: L. 1986, ch. 306, § 2; L. 1989, ch. 239, § 21; L. 1992, ch. 244, § 1; May 21.

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Here are the last few comments after the November 2 AP story in the Wichita Eagle as of noon Tuesday:

JLW7440 wrote on 11/2/2009 12:33:37 PM: LEACH....There is no doubt but what you've been reading every posted commentary for several weeks now in this publication regarding Ebay as it relates to your disgusting intent in promoting an auction. Thankfully, that is a mute issue now. In much of the past press you've gotten over the years, [you continually profess to deplore violence, once even condemned the action of Roeder, but that was only an attempt to save face for your organizations common cause. Now, contrary to your initial condemnation,](#) you tried to organize the insidious marketing of smut claiming it to have historical value. How shallow, seedy and squalid a person you are. There is more plastic in your hypocritic, self-righteous purity than can be found in a bushel basket of Visa cards. You thinking so highly of this clown Roeder, it is truly unfortunate Kansas don't have the electric chair when the eventual outcome for this cold-blooded, calculated murderer is administered and you would not be sitting in his lap when the switch is pulled!

tpgisgay wrote on 11/2/2009 12:50:55 PM: So somebody can post that Scott Roeders' mom should have had an abortion (not that I disagree), but my link, as well as others, to the items being sold are considered "abusive"?

JLW7440 wrote on 11/2/2009 1:47:53 PM:

I'd bet about now Roeder's mother wishes birth control was retro-active as do many, many other people. Calvin43 wrote on 11/2/2009 4:41:32 PM: Remember: There was once a time when John Brown of Osawatomie was denounced as a murder and madman. He was hung for inciting rebellion against a government that sanctioned slavery. Today, John Brown is honored and revered as a soldier of freedom for those unable to defend themselves. Who knows what tomorrow will bring? The day may not be far distant when today's opponents of abortion are equally honored and revered as the defenders of young life over death.

Jimpac wrote on 11/2/2009 9:50:56 PM: In 1973 the price of a human life in the USA was established to be \$43.00

Roe VS Wade

Guess What!!!

Your worth much less than that if the Obama Care pays the bill!

PRO / or NO?

pub17 wrote on 11/3/2009 8:35:37 AM: Oh, too bad, sorry Jimpac, even the Bible doesn't say a fetus is a "human life."

Are you really sure that a fetus is a baby?

DaveLeach wrote on 11/3/2009 10:31:21 AM: Luke 1:41 says when John the Baptist had been in the womb only 6 months, he heard the voice of Jesus' mother and leaped for joy. This is something which a tumor cannot do. (Luke 1:41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb...)

Psalms 139:13-16 describes how God was watching you and me growing in the womb, back before our bodies even had arms or legs. (Psalms 139:16 but with your own eyes you saw my body being formed.)

Jeremiah 1:5 says God offers each of us a purpose for life, at least by the moment of conception, before our bodies begin forming. (Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.)

DaveLeach wrote on 11/3/2009 10:32:06 AM: Jeremiah 19:5 says a parent murdering her own baby is so horrible it never even entered God's mind! (Jeremiah 19:5 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind:) Proverbs 24:10-12 shows God expects us to rescue those being led away to slaughter. Only government authorized murderers operate openly enough for the public to intervene. (Proverbs 24:11 Don't hesitate to rescue someone who is about to be executed unjustly.) Also Leviticus 19:26 You must not stand idly by when your neighbor's life is at stake (NET, NLT)

DaveLeach wrote on 11/3/2009 12:13:58 PM: By the way, regarding JLW7440's [so much fun to be rude when you are anonymous!] charge that I once condemned Roeder's action: I saw what KSHABBY-TV did to my 40 minute taped interview. Here's what the editors did: I was explaining how the jury might reason, and why the jury, even if given the defense, might not necessarily acquit, but that I expected ultimate victory if the defense could be pried from the judge's tight grip. I said "The jury might decide that ABORTION IS TERRIBLE, BUT SO IS SHOOTING AN ABORTIONIST. But even if that is the outcome, if the Necessity Defense gets to the jury, the door to its availability in future doorblocking cases will be wide open, and abortion will end." What an amazing, creative use of video editing equipment, to extract that capitalized portion to make me appear to condemn the very action for which I am raising money to exonerate!

DaveLeach wrote on 11/3/2009 12:18:18 PM:

The really surprising thing about all this is that remember years ago, when the media always made us out to be more fanatic than we were, by reporting the nubbins of our remarkable positions without reporting the Scriptures or the pictures that justified our positions? Well, now I have caught them half a dozen times now making me look LESS fanatic than I really am. The Des Moines editors on Channel 13 did something similar. Are they trying, this time, to make us appear NORMAL? What's up with that?

Not that we can ever appear normal, before our concern about censored defenses and trial issues in court is fully explained. I hope that will come soon.

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