



Woman drives car into anti-abortion rally

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NAMPA, Idaho (AP) - A woman drove her car into an anti-abortion rally outside of a Planned Parenthood, protesting what she called "vulgar" photos of an aborted fetus.

The incident happened at a local doctor's office where a Planned Parenthood clinic had recently been established. The clinic, which operates out of the office one day a month, does not perform abortions but does offer free birth control and emergency contraception.

Gail Mower, 52, of Nampa, on Friday drove her car onto the sidewalk and into the crowd of demonstrators after she became concerned over one protester's sign that depicted a "gruesome" picture of an aborted fetus, she told the Idaho Press-Tribune.

Mower said she wanted to park her vehicle in front of the sign to block it from the view of passing school children.

She ended up running over the protester's foot, wedging it between the tire and the sign. The demonstrator was not injured.

Another woman at the protest was holding a child and had to jump out of the way of the oncoming vehicle, witnesses said.

Nearby Nampa High School and Zion Lutheran School were not in session Friday, but the Idaho Arts Charter School was in session, Nampa Assistant Police Chief Tim Vincent said.

Police said Mower had called police earlier in the day to complain about the "graphic and obscene nature of the sign" and wanted it removed. Since the sign had not been removed, she decided to take matters into her own hands, Mowers told investigators.

Mower was issued a summons for disturbing the peace, Vincent said. Other charges could be filed after a review by the Canyon County and Nampa City prosecutors offices.

The Planned Parenthood clinic was opened recently with a \$13,000 grant from the Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation. It is open on the first Saturday of each month.

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