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Death of Teen Caused by a Botched Abortion at Tiller's Late-Term Abortion Facility

Christin A. Gilbert, age 19, of Keller, Texas, died of complications stemming from a third-trimester abortion, according to recently released autopsy results.

Christin, a girl with Down's Syndrome, had been raped and became pregnant in 2004.

On January 10, 2005, her family bought her to the Tiller late-term abortion facility in Wichita, Kansas, for an abortion, where it was estimated that her pregnancy was 28 weeks in gestation.

Tiller, or one of his hired abortionists, injected a poison called "digoxin", through Christin's abdominal wall, directly into the heart of her unborn child, with a needle guided by ultrasound imaging.

Next, Christin was sent to a nearby LaQuinta Inn Motel, which Tiller used as a labor and delivery room, to wait for the delivery of her dead child.

The following day Christin was placed in the family van where she delivered her dead baby before arriving at Tiller's clinic.

Once at Tiller's clinic she was given a D&C and a dose of RU-486 to insure that all of the after-birth tissue had been removed.

Christin was then sent back to the motel room where her condition worsened.

The following day, Christin again returned to Tiller's clinic where she was treated for dehydration even though an undiagnosed infection was raging and was beginning to take its toll on her health. That night Christin began to hemorrhage, vomit, and periodically lost consciousness.

Early in the morning, on January 13th Christin was choking on her vomit and had passed out; so her family brought her back to the Tiller Abortion Chamber a fourth time.

At about 9:00 am on January 13th KCFL volunteer, Judi Weldy, who takes part in the continuous proLife presence at the Tiller abortion facility, reported that an ambulance rescue was underway. Other pro-life groups were notified.

Once at Wesley Medical Center's Emergency Room, Christin died of Sepsis and general organ failure.

Christin was loved by those who knew her. She had served as the "bat-girl" for her high school's baseball team and she had a joyous loving attitude.

We mourn the death of both Christin and her unborn child. ###