

Wrongful Death and Malpractice Lawsuits Against Family Planning Associates – Albany Medical-Surgical Center

00L008492 – **Maria Rodriguez died** following an abortion March 25, 2000. Her mother sued, charging Dr. E. Steve Lichtenberg with perforating Maria's uterus during her abortion, which caused her to bleed to death. She left a four-year-old daughter. The lawsuit further charges that Dr. Lichtenberg and Family Planning Associates “carelessly failed to recognize the severity of her bleeding and failed to transfer her in a timely manner to a hospital” for emergency treatment.

00L013983 – **Nakia Jorden, 16, died** following an abortion on December 10, 1998. Her father sued abortionist E. Steve Lichtenberg, charging that he failed to monitor Nakia after the abortion and that she died of a heart attack because of carelessly and unskillfully administered anesthesia. Nurse anesthetist Lawrence Hill is accused in the lawsuit of improperly administering anesthesia which resulted in her death. Nakia was a Hyde Park High School student and was 23 weeks pregnant when she died.

01L006896 – **Maria Leho died** following an abortion June 9, 1999. The lawsuit charges that Maria died of massive heart and lung failure caused by anesthesia-related complications. Maria is survived by two young sons. Family Planning Associates and their abortionist Dr. Weitzner are being sued along with nurse anesthetist Lawrence Hill, who allegedly failed to ensure that Maria was stable following her abortion, and nurses Tanya Hall and Yvette Johnson, who reportedly joined nurse Hill in an unsuccessful attempt to resuscitate Maria without notifying the abortionist.

Case #94L005372 – **Deanna Bell, 13, died** following an abortion September 5, 1992. Her mother sued Albany, Family Planning Associates, owner Edward C. Allred, Dr. E. Stephen Lichtenberg and other employees, charging failure to provide proper care to Deanna, monitor her recover, resuscitate her or transport her to a hospital for emergency treatment. Records indicate Deanna was given an excessive dose of anesthesia. Her body was taken from Albany to the morgue in a police squadrol.

09L007351 – Anthony Ross v. Lawrence Hill

05L009803 – **Karen B.,** by her guardian, sued Dr. Darwin C. Jackson, certified nurse anesthetist Lawrence J. Hill, Family Planning Associates and Albany Medical-Surgical Center, charging that during the final procedure of a late-term abortion on March 10, 2005, nurse anesthetist Hill failed to place an endotracheal tube into Karen's airway. She was deprived of oxygen for 45 minutes and suffered brain anoxia, which has left her in an irreversible coma. She has 3 young children.

95L16488 – charged with causing uterus to collapse, uterine infection and post partum bleeding.

95L4368 – charged with failing to stop procedure when requested.

94L006523 – charged with necessitating total hysterectomy at the age of 14.

92L012531 – charged with puncturing artery and causing bowel trauma.

92L03141 – charged with perforating uterus and causing permanent injuries.

91L13681 – charged with performing incomplete abortion and failing to remove all fetal parts.