

# LIFE LINES

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## Lawsuit to revoke death certificate

Jahi McMath is the child declared brain-dead in California in 2013, who was released to her mother's care to an undisclosed location in New Jersey. Now her current physician says she "exhibits signs of brain function." The family is suing in federal court after failing at the state level to revoke her death certificate.

They would like to force the California county coroner to rescind the death certificate, which would allow them to take Jahi back to California for treatment. Since being declared dead, Jahi, now 15 years old, has begun having periods and developing breasts and underarm hair. Family members say she responds to them.

[www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Jahi-McMath-s-family-takes-brain-death-lawsuit-6718985.php?cmpid=twitter-desktop](http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Jahi-McMath-s-family-takes-brain-death-lawsuit-6718985.php?cmpid=twitter-desktop)

## DNR just for Down's

An apology – finally!

The family members of a hospitalized 51-year-old Englishman, Andrew Waters, were outraged to find that a DNR order – Do Not Resuscitate – had been imposed in 2011 with no notice to the family. They were even angrier because the reason listed in the order was: "Down's Syndrome, unable to swallow (PEG fed), bed bound, learning difficulties."

Initially the hospital did not see a problem, since the DNR was not acted on and Andrew had probably been unaware of it anyway. However, after Andrew's brother took legal action, they reconsidered.

A spokesperson for the East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust acknowledged that they had failed the patient, adding, "Actions have been taken to ensure this does not happen again and the Trust has now reached a resolution with the family."

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/hospital-trust-apologises-over-not-114954720.html>



## Loner shoots people at Planned Parenthood and in neighborhood

On November 27, Robert Dear killed two people at Planned Parenthood in Colorado Springs. Then, shooting from the Planned Parenthood building, he killed one more person and wounded nine who were in parking lots and other nearby locations. When arrested at the end of an hours-long standoff, Dear did not have a coherent explanation for his actions. Ongoing news reporting painted a picture of a loner who lived in an isolated cabin, who was rambling incoherently at the time of his arrest, and whose repeated verbal outbursts punctuated court proceedings.

Although the media describe Dear as anti-abortion, he does not seem to have been active with any pro-life group in the past. Indeed, pro-life groups have uniformly expressed their opposition to killing in the name of saving unborn children.

Anne LeBlanc, president of RARTL, said, "Pro-lifers are convinced of the preciousness of human life. We work for its preservation and we reject Mr. Dear's violent actions."

Carol Tobias, president of the National Right to Life, said, "National Right to Life, which represents 50 state affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, unequivocally condemns unlawful activities and acts of violence regardless of motivation."

A follow-up article by Dave Andrusko comments, "There never has been, is, or will ever be any qualification to NRLC's denunciation of violence, never any hesitancy. We've never said, 'We condemn but...' No responsible pro-life organization would."

[www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/11/national-right-to-life-condemns-acts-of-violence-in-colorado-springs](http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/11/national-right-to-life-condemns-acts-of-violence-in-colorado-springs)

[www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/11/why-national-right-to-life-always-has-and-always-will-condemn-violence-in-the-strongest-possible-terms/](http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/11/why-national-right-to-life-always-has-and-always-will-condemn-violence-in-the-strongest-possible-terms/)

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## Euthanasia for transplant purposes

The unfortunate reality: there is pressure to declare a patient “brain dead” so that his organs can be harvested. When families are divided on whether or not to continue to try to save the life of the patient, errors can be made.

Case in point: George Pickering III, a young adult Texan, was declared brain dead. His mother and brother had consented to a reduction in life support intended to prepare him for organ donation. However, his father felt strongly that the process was too rushed, that it was not time for his son to die. So, he delayed the process. The father went to the hospital with a gun and refused to allow the reduction in life support.

Thanks to the extra recovery time and to the astute observations of the SWAT team medic, the planned organ donation was averted and the son has recovered.

Phoebe Smith, the family’s lawyer explained, “The SWAT team had their own doctors and when they entered into the critical care room, they saw that my client’s son was not brain dead because he was making eye contact, was following their commands and they were completely amazed at this.”

The father served a prison term, but was released in December and he and his son are together, enjoying each other. At a joint press conference, the son said, “There was a law broken, but it was broken for all the right reasons. I’m here now because of it. It was love. It was love.”

“The important thing is I’m alive and well, my father is home and we’re together again,” said Pickering’s son.

[www.foxnews.com/us/2015/12/24/father-involved-in-standoff-over-brain-dead-son-released-from-jail.html](http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/12/24/father-involved-in-standoff-over-brain-dead-son-released-from-jail.html)

[www.politicaloutcast.com/2015/12/armed-father-and-swat-team-save-sons-life-from-hospital/](http://www.politicaloutcast.com/2015/12/armed-father-and-swat-team-save-sons-life-from-hospital/)

[www.rt.com/usa/327077-family-coma-hospital-texas/](http://www.rt.com/usa/327077-family-coma-hospital-texas/)

[www.click2houston.com/news/father-son-involved-in-hospital-standoff-speak-to-kprc-2](http://www.click2houston.com/news/father-son-involved-in-hospital-standoff-speak-to-kprc-2)

## A step back to sanity in Belgium

Editor Michael Cook says it’s “probably the first time that a professional group has pushed back against the ever-widening circle of eligibility for euthanasia.”

A group of health professionals published a letter detailing why they think that Belgium needs to roll back some of their euthanasia law. They say that granting euthanasia purely on the basis of psychological issues is a step too far and it should be “removed from the current legislation.” One of the keys, they say, is that mental suffering tends to make people think that nothing will ever change; yet, therapies negate that by offering new perspectives.

Of course there is not general agreement, but this may be a first step toward a better direction.

[www.bioedge.org/bioethics/call-for-belgium-to-revise-euthanasia-legislation/11690](http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/call-for-belgium-to-revise-euthanasia-legislation/11690)

## Dutch current step

“The Netherlands government has decided to extend euthanasia to people with dementia who are incompetent to request death by lethal injection, if the person requested euthanasia while still competent.”

“The 2014 Netherlands euthanasia statistics state that out of 5306 euthanasia deaths; 81 people were lethally injected for dementia and 41 people died by euthanasia for psychiatric reasons.”

“The new guide appears to be designed to protect doctors who were already killing people with dementia.”

Schadenberg also points out that if a patient requested euthanasia while competent, he has left himself no way to change his mind after he becomes incompetent..

Alex Schadenberg, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

[www.alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2016/01/the-netherlands-approves-euthanasia-for.html](http://www.alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2016/01/the-netherlands-approves-euthanasia-for.html)

## Dutch next step: a “peaceful pill”



“People who believe that their lives are ‘complete’, need a pill” to allow them commit suicide without involving a doctor. That’s what the Dutch Association for a Voluntary End of Life recently said.

Such drugs already come from China and Mexico, illegally, and they are sometimes arriving disguised in a birthday card. The Association contends that it is already widespread it needs to be

brought under legal control.

[www.bioedge.org/bioethics/the-underground-dutch-system-for-do-it-yourself-euthanasia/11674](http://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/the-underground-dutch-system-for-do-it-yourself-euthanasia/11674)

Attention Pro-Lifers:

# Assisted Suicide Conference

Historical, medical, legal, and ethical aspects of assisted suicide

**February 20, 2016**

Basil Auditorium #135

St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM



**Legislation to legalize assisted suicide is awaiting action in the New York State Legislature.**

**Pro:** The legislation focuses on the ideas of “compassion” and “choice.”

**Con:** It is vigorously opposed by organizations for and of disabled people. Furthermore, disturbing reports have come in from locations that have legalized it.

**As a pro-lifer, do you understand the issues that are involved?**

**Could you explain them to someone else?**

**Do you think more information would leave you better equipped to help loved ones?**

Speakers:

**Ryan Anderson, PhD**, The William E. Simon Senior Fellow, The Heritage Foundation, author and commentator

**Wesley J. Smith, PhD, JD**, Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute’s Center on Human Exceptionalism, lawyer for the International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, special consultant for the Center for Bioethics and Culture, author of 15 books.

**Kevin O’Brien**, actor, founder of Theater of the Word

**Burke Balch, JD**, Director of the Powell Center for Medical Ethics

**Sr. M. Peter Lillian**, Director of the Avila Institute of Gerontology on Palliative Care

**Diane Coleman**, President/CEO of Not Dead Yet

The conference, with 6 CLE credits pending, provides a framework for attorneys and physicians.

Questions: e-mail [NoWayToDieRochester@gmail.com](mailto:NoWayToDieRochester@gmail.com)

Sign-in 9:00 AM

Advance registration is required.

\$25 per person

Optional \$15 for lunch.

(Remember: it’s February.)

*Organizers wish to thank the Campus Ministry at St. John Fisher for the forum space, as well as the members of the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild (Rochester), the NYS Knights of Columbus (Finger Lakes Chapter), the Finger Lakes Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, and other generous helpers.*

## Brown signs California assisted suicide bill

Governor Jerry Brown made assisted suicide legal in California, saying that he approved it because he didn’t want to die in excruciating pain.

Wesley J. Smith points out that “almost no assisted suicides are committed because of pain.”

He adds, “More than 10% of the country now lives in states with legal assisted suicide. If the society accepts the premise that killing is an acceptable answer to human suffering, we will go the way of Belgium and Netherlands.”

Smith will be one of the speakers at Rochester’s Assisted Suicide Conference on February 20. (See details above.)

[www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/10/catastrophe-jerry-brown-signs-assisted-suicide-into-law](http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/10/catastrophe-jerry-brown-signs-assisted-suicide-into-law)

## Abortion facilities and fetal remains

Periodically in the news, there have been articles on difficulties with disposal of fetal remains after abortion. A recently released recording reportedly from the 2014 National Abortion Federation (NAF) conference suggests that these difficulties are not random events but are a severe problem in general for some abortion facilities.

A presentation by Renee Chelian, founder of the Northland Family Planning Centers abortion facilities, detailed the steps she has taken in an effort to find efficient disposal for the volume of remains the centers produce. She speaks lightheartedly about perhaps using a secret bonfire in the woods, perhaps buying an incinerator under a different name, perhaps going with a “green” solution that sounded like it would dissolve the remains, or perhaps making the patients responsible for the disposal. At one point, she said, she actually used her own garbage disposal when the quantity got frighteningly high and she could think of no other solutions.

<https://saynsumthn.wordpress.com/tag/renee-chelian/>

<http://gotnews.com/breaking-gotnews-com-editor-threatened-by-national-abortion-federation-lawsuit/>

[Summary statements from Students for Life of America: https://youtu.be/dPZhef6gYAM](https://youtu.be/dPZhef6gYAM) [Raw recordings from which summary statements were taken: https://youtu.be/WbekmwoEmaO](https://youtu.be/WbekmwoEmaO) [https://youtu.be/YUFMN\\_pN71o](https://youtu.be/YUFMN_pN71o) <https://youtu.be/cxbRiFrUoe8>

Stericycle, a company that normally handles medical waste, cancelled its contract with her. Local hospitals did not want to be associated with her. Several truck rental companies have refused to allow Stericycle to pick up aborted fetuses in their trucks. So abortion facilities can indeed have a disposal problem.

The recording of Chelian’s talk was published by GotNews ([www.gotnews.com](http://www.gotnews.com)), which says it received the recordings from an anonymous source, “Patriot Geist,” who identifies himself as a “congressional staffer.”

The recordings were reportedly made by the Center for Medical Progress, whose founder, David Daleiden, was also the chief investigative reporter. Because of a lawsuit by NAF, CMP has been under court order not to release this information. GotNews and Daleiden both deny that GotNews received the recordings from Daleiden.

## Australia – early abortions by phone

How it’s done: A woman calls the Tabbot Foundation and is referred for a local blood test and ultrasound. Psychological evaluations, if needed, are also done over the phone. Tabbot mails her “a package including the medications mifepristone and misoprostol (commonly known as RU486), prophylactic antibiotics, painkillers and anti-nausea drugs, all at a cost of \$250.”

[www.smh.com.au/nsw/telephone-abortion-with-no-facetoface-doctor-consult-now-available-20150924-gju9a2.html](http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/telephone-abortion-with-no-facetoface-doctor-consult-now-available-20150924-gju9a2.html)

## Texas tosses the rubber stamp

According to the Dallas Morning News, Texas has made changes in the judicial bypass process that will more effectively protect minors who do not choose to involve their parents in their decisions to have abortions. As in every state that requires parental notification / permission, the state is required to offer the services of a judge who will decide whether the minor can proceed independently. All too often, the process is a rubber stamp approval, caused by the lack of motivation for a judge to do anything other than simply grant the bypass.

Governor Greg Abbott signed a bill in June that tightened the current requirements for the judicial bypass. Then, in December, the Texas Supreme Court issued new rules, tightening the process to correspond. For instance, previously, the judge was required to rule within two days and if he failed to do so, the bypass was automatically granted as a default. The new process extends the deadline to five days and removes the default bypass approval.

In addition, judges participating in the process were not identified and minors could apply in any county for the bypass. Now, statistics will be gathered and judges identified, although the identity of minors will be protected. A minor will be restricted in which counties she can choose.

The Texas Supreme Court advisory states, “By statute, evidence to support the bypass must now be clear and convincing.”

<http://trailblazersblog.dallasnews.com/2015/12/texas-supreme-court-releases-new-rules-for-minors-seeking-abortions-without-parental-consent.html/>

[www.txcourts.gov/supreme/news/rules-changes-for-judicial-bypass-applications.aspx](http://www.txcourts.gov/supreme/news/rules-changes-for-judicial-bypass-applications.aspx)

[www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/headlines/20150525-senate-votes-to-toughen-parental-consent-bypass-for-abortion.ece](http://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/headlines/20150525-senate-votes-to-toughen-parental-consent-bypass-for-abortion.ece)



# High School Juniors and Seniors!



## Pro-Life Oratorical Contest

Prepare a brief speech (5 – 7 minutes) on a specific issue related to the pro-life movement. Share your perspective on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. Present your informed, pro-life stance in a dynamic, engaging speech at the  
**Rochester Area Right to Life  
Oratorical Contest**

**Date:** Saturday, April 9, 2016 - 1pm to 3pm, reception following.

**Location:** Irondequoit Public Library, 1290 Titus Ave, Rochester, NY 14617

**First place prize \$300 Second place prize \$100 Third place prize \$50**

In addition, the winner has the right to go to the State level contest in Albany on May 7, competing to be the one to represent New York at the National Right to Life Convention on July 9 near Washington, DC.

It could be you!

**Freshman? Sophomore? Or younger?** We have special opportunities to allow younger students to participate in a non-competitive way for practice. No age limits.

**There is no charge, but you  
must register in advance.**

Call Rochester Area Right to Life (621-4690)  
or e-mail [RARTL@righttoliferoch.org](mailto:RARTL@righttoliferoch.org) for details  
or check our website [www.righttoliferoch.org](http://www.righttoliferoch.org).

**We're waiting for YOU!**

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## Break for Life – a Student Pro-Life Conference April 16, 2016 at McQuaid Jesuit

This conference is intended for high school students, with a special track for middle school students. Adults, college students, and community members are welcome.

Doors open at 12:15 PM for registration, sign-in, and pizza. Program, presentations, and fun go from about 1:00 – 4:15 PM. Then you are invited join Bishop Matano for Mass at 4:30 in the chapel.

The McQuaid website will soon have the Conference details.

## Social media power for the stillborn



Groups like Cherished Gowns for Angel Babies in England and the Angel Gown Program in the NICU Helping Hands in Texas make burial gowns for babies, frequently very premature, who are stillborn or who die very shortly after birth. The babies' small size makes it sometimes impossible for grieving parents to find proper sized clothing in which to bury them.

Yvonne Trimble, a recent donor to the Cherished Gowns program, put her beautiful thoughts on Facebook. The result was 8,500 people volunteering to donate their dresses to the charity.

[www.aol.com/article/2016/01/06/this-woman-repurposed-her-wedding-dress-into-gowns-for-stillborn/21292725/](http://www.aol.com/article/2016/01/06/this-woman-repurposed-her-wedding-dress-into-gowns-for-stillborn/21292725/)

## China dropping one-child policy? Nope!

China has made much of its change in policy from allowing only one child per family, with conditions, to allowing two children per family. However, the same conditions apply. Couples violating the new policy will still face forced abortion and forced sterilization. The government is still in charge of women's reproductive systems.

Reggie Littlejohn, founder of Women's Rights Without Frontiers, reports that after a woman delivers her second child, she will be sterilized. Littlejohn said that the sterilization, as done by the Chinese, frequently results in permanent health impairment, leaving a woman too weak to perform, for instance, the farm work she used to do.

"Xi Jinping has not suddenly developed a conscience," said Steven Mosher, of the Population Research Institute. "The underlying policy has not, and probably will not, change. What will happen if the Chinese people don't procreate according to plan? A government bent on regulating its population will do whatever is necessary to 'produce' the number of children it has ordered reproduced."

Often mentioned as motivation for the policy change are (1) the gender imbalance caused by the one-child policy and (2) the shrinking labor force that results in a very large number of retirees to be supported by each worker. The change from a one-child to a two-child policy will not be a solution for either problem in the short run, and probably not the long run either.

[China's Two-Child Policy, New Number – Same Violence Against Women \(testimony to Congress\)](http://www.womensrightswithoutfrontiers.org/blog/?p=2130)

[www.womensrightswithoutfrontiers.org/blog/?p=2130](http://www.womensrightswithoutfrontiers.org/blog/?p=2130)

[www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/12/little-has-changed-in-china-police-state-population-control-policies-enforced-despite-two-child-policy/](http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/12/little-has-changed-in-china-police-state-population-control-policies-enforced-despite-two-child-policy/)

## Defunding

## Letting pro-aborts elect your leaders?

"I don't think Planned Parenthood should get a red cent from the taxpayer."

*House Speaker Paul Ryan's response to Planned Parenthood's Cecile Richards' request that he call off his investigations.*

[www.frc.org/washingtonupdate/20151103/mail-bonding-richards-writes-ryan-for-help](http://www.frc.org/washingtonupdate/20151103/mail-bonding-richards-writes-ryan-for-help)

Are you letting the pro-abortion crowd elect your representatives and the next president? Is your pro-life neighbor?

If you don't vote, you are! And if you aren't registered, you can't vote. We all need to vote!

So step forward and let your opinion be known in the ballot box. Invite your neighbor to come along, too.

Give RARTL a call if we can help.

## Umbert the Unborn



**Suggested prayers**

Please become a **prayer partner**. Spend 5-10 minutes daily in prayer about life issues to provide a 24-hour prayer shield over our area. Join in the following monthly prayer themes:

**January:** That in matters of life and death, we look to the Holy Spirit for guidance, rather than man.

**February:** That with gentleness and courage, respect and faith, pro-life individuals continue to trust God's Word and promises.

**March:** That caregivers realize God is entrusting His most frail and precious creatures to their care, and that He will empower them so that caregiving becomes a blessing.

**April:** That the peace of Christ, that passes all understanding, will rest on mothers as they carry their children to term.

**May:** That abortion will be revealed as the horror it is, so that eyes, especially of those in government, will be opened and our representatives will take action.

**In Memory**



**Jennie Hoechner**  
aunt of Carol Leary

**Beverly Stetzel**  
by Daniel Stetzel

**Catherine and Kathleen Hoysic**  
by William Hoysic

**Lydia Garrity**

**Louis J. Zicari,**  
Mary Ann Nazzaro's brother

**Honoring**

**Louise Smith** on her 90th birthday  
by Brenda Heeks



**In Prayer**

**Dcn. Tom Beck**  
**Jim Garrity**



**Garage Sale**

Please keep RARTL in mind when you're clearing out this year. RARTL's Garage Sale 2016 will be held this year on August 10 – 13 on Norton Street, in the same place as last year, at Annunciation Church.

**What is Human?**

Live Action's video "What is human?" is a very convincing but graphic video. Warning: parents should review it alone before children see it.

<https://youtu.be/Q04-l2cm1oQ> 7 min 35 sec  
[www.liveaction.org/inhuman](http://www.liveaction.org/inhuman)

**RTL MEMORIAL / HONOR TRIBUTE**

You are welcome to remember an event/achievement or a deceased loved one with a memorial/honor/tribute, tax-deductible donation to the **RARTL Education Fund**. A card in your name will be sent to the family/person you designate; contribution amount is confidential.

Mail form & check payable to RARTL Education Fund to RARTL; 675 Ling Road; Suite 3; Rochester, NY 14612

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**Events of interest to pro-lifers**

**Saturday, February 20 Assisted Suicide Conference**, good information for pro-lifers. See page 3

**Saturday, March 12 Catholic Women's Conference**  
[www.rochesterewc.org](http://www.rochesterewc.org)

**Saturday, April 9 RARTL Oratorical Contest** for high school juniors and seniors. RARTL 621-4690

**Saturday, April 16 Break for Life**, student pro-life conference at McQuaid Jesuit. See page 5.

**Wednesday, April 27 NYSRTL Lobby for Life Day** in Albany

**Thursday – Saturday, July 7 – 9 National Right to Life Convention**, Herndon, VA  
[www.nrlconvention.com/](http://www.nrlconvention.com/)

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## **Topless pro-abortion activist changes her mind**

Sara Fernanda Giromin, publicly known as Sara Winter, was a part of a radical feminist group that does topless, sometimes violent, protests in favor of abortion. However, beginning in October, she showed a change in orientation, speaking against abortion. What had happened? The birth of her child. It showed her the existence of love and convinced her she had made a huge mistake.

Bravo Sara!

[www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/i-made-a-huge-mistake---why-one-radical-feminist-changed-her-mind-on-abortion-92648/](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/i-made-a-huge-mistake---why-one-radical-feminist-changed-her-mind-on-abortion-92648/)

## **Safe Haven spirit**

A newborn baby – umbilical cord still attached – was found lying in a manger. The church custodian had set up the nativity scene inside Holy Child Jesus Church in Queens just before going out to lunch. When he got back, he heard the addition to his nativity scene crying.

Thank goodness for the woman who did not abort the child and who did not toss him in a dumpster but instead found the safest place she could think of for him. And thank goodness for New York's Safe Haven law, which allows desperate new mothers to leave their children in a safe place.

National Right to Life added: The mother has been identified but not charged, according to a statement made by Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown.

An official for the Administration for Children's Services said the little boy is in good health and is in foster care. She added that inquiries for adoption and offers of help have poured in. So this little boy doesn't lack for potential parents.

[www.mercatornet.com/family\\_edge/view/baby-left-in-nativity-scenes-manger/17270](http://www.mercatornet.com/family_edge/view/baby-left-in-nativity-scenes-manger/17270)

[www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/12/church-couple-eager-to-adopt-baby-left-in-nativity-scenes-manger/](http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/12/church-couple-eager-to-adopt-baby-left-in-nativity-scenes-manger/)

[www.nytimes.com/2015/12/21/nyregion/abandoned-baby-found-at-queens-church-inspires-adoption-campaign.html? r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/21/nyregion/abandoned-baby-found-at-queens-church-inspires-adoption-campaign.html? r=0)

“The mother followed the spirit of New York's ‘Safe Haven’ Law, which allows a parent to leave a child not older than 30 days with an appropriate person or in a suitable location where the parent promptly notifies an appropriate person of the child's location.”  
DA Richard A. Brown