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### Transcript

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This is the transcript from the full video [<http://www.liveaction.org/rosa-acuna/appleton-wi-unedited>] taken by Live Action in an Appleton, WI Planned Parenthood. The dialogue in bold was used in the short video [<http://www.liveaction.org/rosa-acuna/appleton-wi>] promoted in December 2009.

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: Our receptionist said that you were having. You have some questions.**

**Woman 1: Yeah I'd like to talk.**

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: Sure go ahead.**

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Woman 1: Well first I just want to know what the procedures were.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: The doctor will go over all that with you, you will have an ultrasound to determine the length of pregnancy and position of the uterus and we will go over the state form with you that the law in Wisconsin requires which goes over which procedure you'd be a candidate for. You'll have lab work which is just a quick poke in the finger, test your blood type.

Woman 1: The doctor will do that?

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Yes, with the doctor. Now, when was your last period?

Woman 1: July 1st.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Yes, July 1st, that's what you told us over the phone. So that means you're about 10 or 11 weeks since your period. So, your decision to have an abortion, how are you feelin' about that?

Woman 1: Um, I'm deciding I don't know if I want to because I'm a little torn because I don't know if it's bad to do.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Why would it be bad to do?

Woman 1: Well, I can't have a girl. I think it would be bad to abort a girl.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: There's no difference, the procedure's the same.

Woman 1: Even if it's a girl?

Planned Parenthood Staffer: The procedure's the same, and as early as you are there's no way of knowing if it's a boy or a girl. It's too early. Who told you that there was a problem?

Woman 1: Well because my parents, if I had a baby, I know my dad wouldn't want (inaudible) a girl.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: And what does it have to do with him? He's not pregnant.

Woman 1: I know, it's a family thing, I guess. And ya know, (inaudible) if it was wrong to abort a girl.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Ok, I see. We'll talk about birth control, you can get pregnant the very first month after a pregnancy or abortion. Who knows you're pregnant? Your friend?

Woman 1: Yeah, she's my cousin.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Who else knows you're pregnant?

Woman 1: Um, no one.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: No one, just the two of you. What about the man involved in the pregnancy?

Woman 1: He doesn't know. He doesn't take care of me that much.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: So you're not going to stay with him?

Woman 1: Probably not. Um, what else, and about, like, the procedures? How do they..

Planned Parenthood Staffer: When you see the doctor he'll go over what the procedure is, you'll come back tomorrow. He'll give you some medicine that numbs your bottom, and will put a little tube in the hole where your period comes out. And the pregnancy is detached. It'll take about as long as your exam today, so it's very brief. Are you working now?

Woman 1: No

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Are you going to school?

Woman 1: No.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: So what have you been doing?

Woman 1: Well I've just been living with my boyfriend, and not doing the best things.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Okay, well you can do all your normal things. You gotta get a job, girl.

Woman 1: Yeah, I know.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: What would you want to get a job in?

Woman 1: I don't know, maybe teaching, but I don't know.

**Woman 2: Wait, how many weeks are you?**

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: About ten.**

**Woman 2: So how big is that?**

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: The pregnancy?**

**Woman 2: Or would it...**

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: About as wide as my fingernail.**

**Woman 2: Oh**

**Woman 1: Does it have a heartbeat?**

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Planned Parenthood Staffer: So, you're talking about the first trimester, the first part of the pregnancy.

Woman 1: Does it have arms? And hands and legs?

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Sure.

(Shows illustrations of fetal development at 10 weeks)

Planned Parenthood Staffer: So you should be somewhere between these two stages, an inch to an inch and a half. You can take that pamphlet. When the doctor tells you how many weeks you are after the ultrasound you'll know which picture.

Woman 1: Fetal Development?

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Yes, fetal development.

**Woman 1: What's fetal?**

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: Fetal is a fetus. That's what's in your uterus right now is a fetus.**

**Woman 1: What's a fetus?**

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: A fetus is what's in the uterus right now. That is not a baby.**

**Woman 1: Uh huh**

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: A baby is what's born at forty weeks. A fetus is what's in your uterus right now.**

Woman 1: Oh ok

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: If you're pregnant.**

**Woman 1: So when. ok. So when does it become a baby?**

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: birth. 40 Weeks. Where did you have your pregnancy test done?**

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Woman 1: I did it at home.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: And when was that?

Woman 1: Yesterday.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Was there a problem with the test?

Woman 1: No, I just wasn't sure if it was right.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Are your breasts sensitive? Urinate often? Sensitivity to taste and smell?

Woman 1: Yes.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Then you're pregnant. Were you using contraception?

Woman 1: No, not really. Condoms but...

Planned Parenthood Staffer: He doesn't know how to use condoms?

Woman 1: Yeah, but, only once in awhile. It depends.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Make sure he uses them every time or you don't have sex. Because not only pregnancy but disease prevention so he doesn't give you a disease.

Woman 1: Does the procedure hurt?

Planned Parenthood Staffer: It'll feel like cramps, like menstrual cramps. But they'll numb your bottom, it just feels like cramps.

Woman 1: And what comes out?

Planned Parenthood Staffer: The fetus.

Woman 1: Do I have to see anything?

Planned Parenthood Staffer: No. Can you see down there when you're laying down?

Woman 1: No.

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Then you're not going to see anything.

Woman 1: Are there any, like, risks?

Planned Parenthood Staffer: The risks of abortion are less than (inaudible) the doctor will go over all that with you, that's part of his job for the state. The state law requires that you have two visits. And the doctor provides that information for you today. The law's pretty clear on that.

Woman 2: What happens to the fetus, after?

Planned Parenthood Staffer: Humane disposal, part of the federal law, if you have any body parts, any body fluids, any surgery, has to be disposed of by medical waste, by incineration.

**Woman 1: Do you think I could talk to the doctor first?**

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: Sure. Doctor. She wants to talk to you first.**

**Doctor: Yeah. I'm Doctor** \_\_\_\_\_

On screen: Dr. P, Abortionist

**Planned Parenthood Staffer: Before you do**

**Woman 1: The other lady told me that I could talk to you first. Like what the procedures were**

**Doctor: I'm going to go over that with you as soon as I do the exam.**

**Woman 1: Ok. I can't do it before?**

**Doctor: Well yeah**

**Woman 1: Well can't we talk first?**

**Doctor: Yeah, go ahead. What do you want to ask?**

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Woman 1: What procedures there were? What procedures are there available?

Doctor: Nobody mentioned anything like that to you before? You're at 9 weeks, there's only one procedure available to you, it's a suction evacuation, remove the pregnancy by suction. It takes three minutes. Pretty fast, I have to fill out some forms with you later so we can go over all the details. But I can't tell until I do the exam. Do you have an appointment for tomorrow?

Woman 1: I don't remember. And um, do you know if the procedure's gonna hurt?

Doctor: Well, pretty much I told you what we need to do tomorrow, but I'll go over it, by law, more specifically as soon as I know how far along you are.

**Woman 1: Like what comes out? Is it...**

**Doctor: The pregnancy is going to be removed.**

**Woman 1: Ok**

**Doctor: Placenta and the fetus.**

**Woman 1: What's a fetus?**

**Doctor: The fetus is the develop- is the embryo that's developing inside.**

**Woman 1: Ok. (Giggles) What's an embryo?**

**Doctor: Well, that's the pregnancy. That's you know there's something growing inside your uterus and it's called a fetus.**

**Woman 1: Ok.**

**Doctor: Ok**

**Woman 1: Ok.**

**Doctor: It's not a baby at this stage or anything like that.**

**Woman 1: Oh. When does it become a baby?**

**Doctor: Ah when you're like seven months pregnant. Or six, seven months pregnant.**

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Woman 1: Oh, okay.

Doctor: Are you sure this is the best thing for you?

Woman 1: Yeah, I just had, you know, all those questions before I do anything, ya know, before I'm convinced not to. Is there any way to find out if it's a boy or a girl?

Doctor: Not at this stage, no. You're not far enough along. But once I do everything and do all the legal

stuff, you're going to talk to a counselor because we have you sign a consent form.

Woman 1: Well, because I can't have a girl. I don't know if it'd be wrong to abort a girl.

Doctor: Why can't you have a girl?

Woman 1: Well, my parents, there are too many girls. They wouldn't be happy if there was another girl. It's not illegal to abort it because it's a girl?

Doctor: No, it is legal in the country to have an abortion, period. Regardless of what the sex is. And we don't know what the sex is today because you're not far enough along, you can't tell until 12 weeks. **But you don't wanna wait, because the sooner you do an abortion the easier it is and the quicker it is.**

Woman 1: What's the farthest I can do it?

Doctor: Here? Thirteen, fourteen weeks.

Woman 1: Fourteen?

Doctor: **But in the state here, you can have an abortion up to maybe 22 weeks or so. But you don't want to do that.**

Woman 1: Why?

Doctor: Because it's a lot harder for you. It's more expensive, a lot more difficult.

Woman 1: Ok

Doctor: This is very safe. The stage you're at right now is very very safe. Safer than having a baby actually.

Woman 1: Really?

Doctor. Mhmm.

Woman 1: So...

Doctor: Much safer than having a baby. You know, women die having babies.

Woman 1: Do women die with abortions?

Doctor: Yes, but it's never happened to me. And I've been doing them for 40 years.

Woman 1: Oh ok.

Doctor: That's a lot of abortions.

Woman 1: Yeah, I trust you.

Doctor: Okay, now let's examine you.

Woman 1: One more thing, is the heart beating?

Doctor: The heart is beating at this stage, yes. The heart beats before there's a fetus.

Woman 1: Okay.

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