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On June 24, 2008, Lila Rose enters an Indianapolis, IN Planned Parenthood health center posing as a fake patient and secretly records her visit. The edited tape from this visit is publicized by Live Action in January 2009. Live Action alleges failure to report minor abuse although Lila Rose is in fact in her 20s.

Transcript

The press release dated December 2008 referred to a secret videotape that was severely edited. On January 14, 2009 Live Action releases what they claim is the full footage. Below is a transcript of the full videotape [<http://www.liveaction.org/mona-lisa/indianapolis-in-full-undercover-footage>] as provided by Live Action Films with the excerpts chosen for the December videotape [<http://a11.video2.blip.tv/1040000449699/Liveactionfilms-MLP2SECONDIndianaPlannedParenthoodHidesRapeOf13YearOI802.wmv?bri=27.8&brs=5877>] indicated in bold.

Another short video was also based on a single line from this tape, indicated in brackets. The video based from this excerpt can be viewed here [<http://www.liveaction.org/mona-lisa/indianapolis-in-is-planned-parenthood-underreporting-abortions>].

PP volunteer: **alright, I'm sorry (inaudible)**

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PP volunteer: um, how can I help you?

Fake patient friend: um, she wanted to talk to someone about getting an abortion.

PP volunteer: Ok, and you don't have an appointment?

PP volunteer: **um, how old are you?**

Fake patient: **um, um I'm 13.**

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PP volunteer: um, do you have a parent or someone who will, we want, we want minors need to have their parent with them.

Fake patient: I have (inaudible) just dropped me off and everything

PP volunteer: He's your guardian?

Fake patient: (barely audible) hmm mmm

PP volunteer: you have to have a parent or a guardian if you're under (inaudible)

Fake patient: even to talk to somebody?

PP volunteer: we don't have counseling. I can answer some questions for you.

Fake patient Somewhere in private?

PP volunteer. Umm, we don't do that. We talk to people on the phone, we schedule an appointment, um, and then you come in, you get counseling, and an ultrasound, you have um, you watch an educational film, and so on, and I can tell you a little about the procedures now but I want to be sure you know that if you're a minor we have to have either a parent or a guardian and if your parent or guardian is not available you have to get something called a judicial bypass – you have to get a judge to approve an abortion if you're a minor and you don't want the parent or something like that. You have to have a parent or a guardian. Is your mother or a parent available to come with you or something like that? Consent?

Fake patient: (inaudible)

PP volunteer You don't want them to know?

SPLICE AT 22:32:12

22:32:13 Fake patient: **If they find out about I us pregnant** (22:32:15)– is it confidential?

[in the first edited tape, the language is reported as, “If they find out about I, us, pregnant. Then they will find out about my boyfriend. And I don't want him to get in trouble”.]

PP volunteer: yes, absolutely.

Fake patient: (inaudible) if they'll find out about my boyfriend, then I don't want him to get in trouble.

PP volunteer: **I can understand that. We have laws to follow here in Indiana. And you have to get approval if you're a minor. And we have to follow the laws.** Now I can give you a lawyer, someone to go to to get that judicial bypass.

Fake patient: do a lot of girls do that?

PP volunteer: some people do that, most times they have a parent with them. But that's what the law requires here in Indiana

Fake patient: Will the judge ask you if my boyfriend is older? Will he like get in trouble?

PP volunteer: Um, I don't know, I doubt it. It's your choice, that's the way the law is now, it's the woman's choice. I can tell you, there's two types of abortions here. One is a medication abortion, and that's where you take two pills, and that is if you're eight weeks pregnant or less. Um, and that costs \$500. If you don't have the funds, there's a judicial, um, justice foundation that provides women assistance for women who are in need of financial help, so we do a medication abortion and we also do a surgical abortion (inaudible) but we only go up to 12 weeks so we have to base it on the day of your last menstrual period. So you'll have to get in here for your exam before you're 12 weeks pregnant.

Fake patient: what if, what if I feel like I'm more than 12 weeks pregnant.

PP volunteer: if you're beyond 12 weeks we don't offer abortions here, the only place we know of, I know of, is (inaudible) hospital (inaudible) may go up to 17 weeks.

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Fake patient: If I set up an appointment, are they going to ask me how old my boyfriend is? 'Cause he told me that if people found out, they would be very mad at him.

PP volunteer: **Um, we don't ask anything about the boyfriend.** We ask about you. We ask if you're married, if you have other children, and so on and so forth. I can't speak for a judge I don't know exactly but I doubt (it). We are supposed to ask questions. You'll have counseling and I'm not a counselor but in the counseling session they'll ask questions like if there was any violence or anything

like that.

Fake patient: it was consensual

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PP volunteer: **We don't really care about who, what the age of the boyfriend is if it's consensual, it's your choice.**

[This section replaces the phrase "if its consensual" with "its consensual".]

Fake Patient: **Because he's a lot older.**

PP volunteer. **So he's a lot older.**

Fake patient (inaudible)

PP volunteer: **He should help you, he should help you pay for it. That's my personal feeling. That's just my opinion.**

[Cut noted by LA in subtitles, change of scenery and new PPE]

PP volunteer: that's between you and him and how you do it. what we're most concerned about is you being a minor and we have to follow the law on your being a minor.

Fake patient (inaudible) I'm almost 14.

PP volunteer: We'll need your picture ID with your date of birth on it, so uh we're real careful about it.

Fake patient: I have a fake ID.

PP volunteer: Please don't tell me that. You have to call in and make an appointment and what you say to the people on the phone, that's your business. Don't tell me that. Don't tell me—we require, if you're a minor, you have to have, under the law, in Indiana, a parent or a guardian or else a judicial bypass.

(inaudible)

PP volunteer: That means you go to a lawyer, the civil liberties union provides a free lawyer and they take you before a judge and they provide a judicial bypass.

Fake patient: I'm gonna call for the judicial bypass.

PP volunteer: When you call the Indiana civil liberties union and ask them for a lawyer, say to them you're a minor and you want an abortion and you can't tell your parents and you need to get a judges approval. And then, they won't charge you, that's my understanding.

Fake patient: Outside they have the people with the signs, is that real? [shows a brochure to the pp volunteer]

PP volunteer: I can take that way if you want they're protestors and they have a right to protest.

Fake patient: Bloody picture

PP volunteer: Oh, I don't know you can have it

Fake patient: No I don't want it

PP volunteer: [pp volunteer puts brochure away] I don't want to see it

PP volunteer: They have a right to protest, we have a security guard here. You don't have to stop and talk to them if you don't want to.

(inaudible)

(PP nurse enters)

PP volunteer: [speaking to pp nurse] She's going to need a judicial bypass, she's a minor and her parent's aren't going to consent. So I'm going to give her civil liberties union phone number to get a, to talk to them about it.

PP nurse: [speaking to fake patient] it's what you need to do.

(inaudible)

PP nurse: Did you talk to your mother?

(inaudible)

PP nurse: Well, most, I guess what we'll do - come in (waves her into a private room)

PP nurse: OK, my concern is that we've never had a judicial bypass go through in Marion county. And that's my concern.

Fake patient: Nobody can get an abortion?

PP nurse: it's all set up where you could, as a minor, without a parent's consent. But, it just hasn't worked. Now, you can certainly call this civil liberties, now she's going to get the phone number for you. But I'm being truthful, ok?

Fake patient: inaudible.

PP nurse: You know, I don't know your mom. I don't know your dad.

Fake patient: I know my dad.

PP nurse: OK. But I often find that Moms get rather upset. They calm down. When you're on, what I'm saying is that you'd be surprised how moms can come through whether you like it or whatever.

Fake patient: You mean she'll let me have the abortion?

PP nurse: Right, right. So what my suggestion is, that maybe you have a - I'm assuming she's your friend (pointing to female companion) -

Fake patient: We're cousins.

PP nurse: That a couple friends go with you that you know or whatever, and you tell your Mom with a group. Because she can't explode, big time, at the time you give her the news.

Fake patient: but she's going to know who the guy was, (inaudible) and I'm so in love with him and **so he's a lot older and she's going to find out and then he'll get in...**

PP nurse: **Well, a lot of people will say well yeah he's older such and such and you can do statutory rape and whatever but its going to be in the papers so most people will threaten stuff and don't go through with it. OK.**

Fake patient: **He's 31.**

PP nurse: **I don't care how old he is.**

Fake patient: OK

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PP nurse: Your mom can threaten all she wants to verbally, but to actually do it, is another thing. 'Cause it's going to be in the paper, it will be all over whatever, and does she really want that? The press stuff like that. Now I won't say she won't but most parents will threaten, but never follow through.

Fake patient: **But I don't want her to find out about Mike. Because if she finds out about Mike then she will never let me ever see him until, like (inaudible) or January...**

PP nurse: **You got it? Thank you.**

[interruption by volunteer knocking and handing over a piece of paper]

PP nurse: **Surrounding states, do you have access to the internet? Surrounding states don't have parental consent.**

Fake patient: **What state should I go to?** PP Nurse: **I can't tell you anymore.**

Fake patient: **OK, internet.**

PP Nurse: I said **Surrounding states. So think about the states that are surrounding Indiana, and do some research.**

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Fake patient: Do you know like when it becomes a baby?

PP Nurse: Everybody has s different viewpoint.

Fake patient: OK

PP Nurse: If you're asking when you have a heartbeat, that varies too. At six weeks you have an electrical flicker.

Fake patient: A what?

PP Nurse: At six weeks gestation, so six weeks from the first day your last period, you have an electrical flicker. Now that's not a heart but it depends on how how you view it? Do you view it when it looks like a peanut, and there's nothing else but that little flicker? Not a developing fetus? Then that's where you're at. Are you looking at (?) everybody views it differently.

Fake patient: OK, Outside they have pictures.

PP Nurse: Well, you have to remember that those people are just being gross and it's not like that at all.

Fake patient: They're just being gross?

PP Nurse: They're just being gross.

Fake patient: Are those real?

PP Nurse Don't ever talk to those people.

Fake patient: Don't ever talk to those people? Why not?

PP Nurse: They are going to, whether you continue this pregnancy or not is your choice.

Fake patient: Yeah, uh huh.

PP Nurse: They are going to make such a big story out of it. Instead of the fish being this big, the fish is this big. And that's what they do with an abortion. They don't view it. The other thing you have to think about is they're not in your moccasins. They're not in your moccasins. They're not in your shoes. They are looking at it from a whole different story, of someone whose 30, whose married, whose gotten thru school, not in the same situation as you're in. And it would mean so much other stuff that you are far from ready to be a parent. OK? They don't look at it that way. They only see black, they only see white, they don't see any gray.

Fake patient: OK

PP Nurse: So don't talk to those people because they won't give you the whole story.

Fake patient: OK

PP Nurse: We're supportive of what you want to do. We are not here to say you gotta have an abortion, we're not here to say you got to continue the pregnancy, we're here to listen to your needs. And that's what those people don't do.

Fake Patient Friend: Do you think that maybe she'll regret it?

PP Nurse: The answer is, have you ever made a decision and regretted it?

Fake patient: Yeah

PP Nurse: OK, alright. It doesn't make a difference what the decision is. Um, We all make decisions. Now what I'm going to do is have you do is write everything down, continuing the pregnancy, stopping the pregnancy, and...placing for adoption...and I want you to write everything down, about the pro's cons and what you feel about it and what it would do and da da da...I want you to write it all down, it has to be...

Fake patient: I did that with her, and we have ... (inaudible) the baby, keeping it and stuff. How can we do that? I mean like, my mom would find out, and then I'd have school, and I don't know how to...

PP Nurse: You have all the data. And five years down the road, you say oh I regret that decision? You look at it and say, I made the best decision I could with all the information I had that day. You can't make a decision about anything going to college, buying a car, getting married, but with all of the information you have at the moment. Now when you do stop and you make a regret kind of thing, no matter what it is, I think it makes you a better person. Because down the road, you may have a child who makes a decision that maybe wasn't the best. But you're going to give that child a hug and say, you're still good. I've been there, done that, and we all make the best decisions we can at the moment.

Fake patient Have you had an abortion before?

PP Nurse: Well, I don't think that's important for you guys, because I've been in a different type of life, I'm much older than you are.

PP Nurse: But you know, you can call that number you can look up in the computer for the surrounding states.

Fake patient: Does it hurt? Does the abortion hurt?

PP Nurse: The answer is yes. A surgical abortion, if it's done well, is over in 3-1/2 minutes. Then the pain starts getting better.

Fake patient: Do they put me asleep for the pain?

PP Nurse: No, because you get better quicker.

Fake patient: Like, what do they do?

PP Nurse: They dilate your cervix, place a little straw into your uterus, and then removes the pregnancy with a little metal suction.

PP Nurse: ...Now you also have to look down the road if you go out of state or whatever and you get into some complications, mom's going to find out. Now if things go well she might not, but then again I can't guarantee it.

Fake patient: Is the doctor a guy?

PP Nurse It's a man, he's a board certified Gynecologist, and he's been doing it for 30 years.

PP Nurse: We had one girl who said mom, I need you to pick me up and we're going to go someplace. And she brought her to the abortion clinic and she said mom I'm going to have an abortion and I need you to sign the form. And Mom was flabbergasted, Mom was a nurse, but...

Fake patient: (inaudible, danger is)...I don't really want to get into this stuff about the (inaudible)

PP Nurse: Well, it's all I can say, I don't have much hope but you can give them a call.

Fake patient: **Do you have any information about abortion?** (Gets brochures)

PP Nurse: **If you're trying to really hide it I don't recommend the medication one. But you...**

Fake patient: **What do you mean?**

PP Nurse: **There's a medication one that you can miscarry at home.** I think you'd be better off...

Fake patient: Like in the toilet

PP Nurse: Well, probably in your pad or in your toilet

[Cut not noted by LA, appears seamless]

PP Nurse: **You Take a pill. It's \$500 and then you put some medicine in your cheeks and so forth. And I don't recommend that for your situation, you just need to get it over with.** Fake patient: **Do you see it, the blood.** PP Nurse: **Well, if you are in labor and pain for 10 or 12 hours. What's your mom gonna say?**

Fake patient (inaudible)

PP Nurse: **It would be harder to hide.**

[Cut not noted by LA, appears seamless]

Fake patient: So this is the three minute one? Do a lot of people really hurt afterwards? I don't know (inaudible) I don't know anyone who's ever had an abortion.

PP Nurse: **[We do, we do abortions about 3 times per week. And we do about 30 a day.]**

Fake patient: And the people are happy?

PP Nurse: They move on with their life, they close the chapter and move on to the next chapter.

PP Nurse: **How old are you?**

Fake Patient: **13.**

PP Nurse: **OK**

Fake patient: **It's confidential?** (This is audible in the edited version but inaudible in the longer, full-length version).

PP Nurse: **Mmmhmmm**

Fake patient: **OK. Can I call back if I have a question?**

PP Nurse: **MMMhmmmm**

Fake Patient: **What's your name?**

PP Nurse: **I'm Janet.**

Fake Patient: **Can I talk to you?**

PP Nurse: **Uh, huh**

Fake Patient: **Ok, thank you.**

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