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Excerpts from FITSNEWS <<http://www.fitsnews.com/2015/11/13/palmetto-prison-abortion-clinic-controversy-an-update/>> [Regarding the **SC Department of Corrections** female prisoner taken to **Planned Parenthood in Columbia, SC**]

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FROM THE FOLLOW-UP FILE ...

Earlier this week, we ran a story <<http://www.fitsnews.com/2015/11/12/south-carolina-corrections-officers-take-female-inmate-to-abortion-clinic/>> that included an image of officers at the S.C. Department of Corrections (SCDC) transporting an unidentified female inmate into a Columbia, S.C. abortion clinic run by Planned Parenthood.

The picture – reportedly taken on the morning of Saturday, May 30 – was one of several provided to us by lawmakers

who are conducting an ongoing investigation

<<http://www.fitsnews.com/2015/08/20/planned-parenthood-medicaid-fraud-etc/>> of the government-subsidized abortion provider.

In the images, the woman is seen entering the clinic at 7:28 a.m. EDT and exiting approximately an hour and forty minutes later.

The pictures prompted pro-life activists to demand that the director of the SCDC – an agency overseen by

South Carolina governor **Nikki Haley** – be added to a list of subpoena recipients being compiled by the

S.C. House of Representatives. They also spawned a host of questions, chief among them this one:

Did the state of South Carolina facilitate a government-subsidized abortion?

No ...

Well, at least not in this instance.

Take a look ...

(Click to enlarge)

image: <<http://fitsnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/kooper-208x370.jpg>>
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That's one-month-old **Kooper Bryan Coates**, whose mother **Brook Coates** is alleged to be the woman pictured in the images that were turned over to the S.C. House oversight panel.

Kooper was born seven weeks early, but is "happy and healthy." In fact he's putting on weight and is described by those who love him as "a beautiful little boy."

How do we know all this? Easy. We spoke this week with Coates' husband, **Harvie Coates**, who is currently taking care of the young lad at a residence in North Carolina.

He almost didn't get the chance to care for Kooper. Both prison officials and Planned Parenthood staffers reportedly urged Brook Coates to abort her son, her husband told us.

"They were saying she needed to do it," Harvie Coates said. "They said she wouldn't survive the pregnancy."

Apparently Brook Coates had a very difficult delivery with one of her other children and there were concerns about her blood pressure spiking during childbirth. But the couple "thought about it and prayed about it" and after consulting with their pastor they decided to have the baby.

"I'm glad we did," he told us, although he quickly added "I don't think its right for them to pressure people."

Nor do we ...

Brook Coates was reportedly granted parole this month, and her husband and young son are hoping she will be released soon.

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decided to have her baby, but they are livid over the pressure that was placed on the family to have an abortion. In other words while this particular story has a happy ending, they believe this situation was (is) the exception to the rule.

Planned Parenthood made national headlines earlier this year when details of its gruesome fetal body parts scam were unveiled by pro-life groups using hidden camera interviews.

“What we are dealing with is a holocaust, pure and simple ... and there’s a special place in hell for those profiting off of it,” we wrote when this scandal broke <http://www.fitsnews.com/2015/07/14/planned-parenthoods-kermit-gosnell-moment/>. ” There’s also a special place in hell for the politicians and mainstream media outlets turning a blind eye to this story.”

Haley – a rumored vice presidential candidate – has been criticized for her woefully inadequate response <http://www.fitsnews.com/2015/08/21/nikki-haley-slammed-over-planned-parenthood-response/> to the scandal, which basically consisted of calling for an investigation and threatening to close down a few clinics if they didn’t make changes. No clinics were closed, though, and it was later revealed that the investigation Haley called for had *already been conducted* <http://www.fitsnews.com/2015/05/06/scdhec-slammed-for-inconsistent-abortion-inspection/>.

Furthermore, the governor has repeatedly refused to defund Planned Parenthood <http://www.fitsnews.com/2015/10/01/nikki-haley-still-wont-defund-planned-parenthood/>.

Anyway, stay tuned for much, much more on this story ...
