



FACT SHEET
City of Salt Lake City v. Bird
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ABOUT City of Salt Lake City v. Bird AND City of Salt Lake City v. Barker

On Feb. 3, 2007, Julie Bird and Diana Barker, along with six other adults, arrived at Utah Women's Health Center. The group also included Bird's 15-month-old baby, carried by her mother. The group prayed and distributed literature peacefully on a public sidewalk. Approximately 45 minutes later, police arrived after being called by one of the clinic employees. The officers spoke with the defendants and then entered the clinic. When the officers returned, they issued a citation to Bird for assault and a citation to Barker for trespassing. The prosecutor later changed these charges multiple times, and the two women are currently charged with disorderly conduct and trespassing. The evidence, including a video of the incident, demonstrates that the charges are unsubstantiated.

CURRENT STATUS of City of Salt Lake City v. Bird AND City of Salt Lake City v. Barker

ADF-allied attorney Frank Mylar will represent Bird and Barker at an Oct. 6 trial.

FOCUS OF HEARING – WHAT IS AT STAKE?

If the charges against Barker and Bird are not dismissed, the free speech rights of pro-life citizens to peacefully express their beliefs on a public sidewalk are threatened.

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