

Examples of Known Victims of Coercive Abortion

May, 2013: Remelee Lee, a Florida woman who dreamed of becoming a mother, was tricked into an abortion by her boyfriend John Andrew Weldon, who gave her Cytotec, a brand of Misoprostol, telling her it was an antibiotic for infection. Lee was rushed to the hospital after taking only one pill and miscarried her baby at six weeks. When doctors inspected the pills, it was discovered that they were not antibiotics, but abortion pills. Weldon was indicted under the rarely used federal Unborn Victims of Violence Act, a murder charge that carries a life sentence.

February, 2014: A woman in Brooklyn, New York was rushed to a local hospital when she felt intense pain in her abdomen. The doctor removed two pills that had been inserted transvaginally without her consent during sexual intercourse by her boyfriend, Shervahn Remy. The doctor identified the pills as the abortion drug Cytotec. Several hours later, she miscarried at 14 weeks. Remy, the father of the child, was charged criminally with forced abortion, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison under New York law.

May, 2017: Brooke Fiske from Arlington, Virginia was 17 weeks pregnant when her boyfriend Sikander Imran, a doctor, slipped a drug into her tea knowing it would likely cause her to miscarry their son. Brooke went into premature labor hours later. She was rushed to the hospital but her baby boy did not survive. Imran lost his medical license, pleaded guilty to fetal homicide and was sentenced to 20 years in prison but served only three years.

March, 2022: Catherine Herring is a Texas woman whose former husband, Mason Herring, grounded up the drug Misoprostol and poisoned her water with it in order to force an abortion without her knowledge or consent. Fortunately, Catherine realized what was happening when she found an empty package of Misoprostol in the trash and sought medical intervention in time to save the life of her daughter. Mason Herring was charged initially with felony assault to induce abortion and accepted a plea agreement on charges of injury to a child and assault of a pregnant person. Due to the poisoning, Catherine's daughter was born prematurely, requires a feeding tube, and will need lifelong medical assistance.

May, 2024: A woman in Massachusetts lost her child when her boyfriend Robert Kawanda went through an online pharmacy to obtain Misoprostol. Prosecutors say he orchestrated a call from a fake nurse to advise the victim she could take iron pills due to her blood levels. Kawanda then showed up at the victim's home with the supposed iron supplements and even checked her mouth to ensure she had consumed the drugs. The woman miscarried the next day. Robert Kawanda was criminally charged with attempted poisoning, assault, and battery with a dangerous weapon on a pregnant person and assault and battery on a household or family member.

October, 2024: A woman in the United Kingdom lost her child at 15 weeks when Stuart Worby crushed a single 200mg tablet of mifepristone into her drink and inserted additional tablets transvaginally during sexual intercourse, both without her knowledge or consent. The United Kingdom recognized the need for justice in this area back in 1861, with the passage of the Offences Against the Person Act. Worby was found guilty of violating this Act *and* the Sexual Offences Act of 2003, and was sentenced on December 6.

April, 2025: a woman lost her child when her husband, a marine pilot, received abortion pills under his name and got her to ingest them without her knowledge or consent. The two were going through a divorce at the time of the incident. On April 2, the husband proposed a “trust-building night” and prepared a hot chocolate for the victim, who started cramping and bleeding within 30 minutes of drinking the contaminated hot chocolate. The husband claimed he would go pick up the plaintiff’s mother so she could stay with the kids while the husband and the victim drove to the emergency room. The husband never returned, leaving the victim alone to bleed.

May, 2025: A woman in Washington state lost her child when David Coots, a nurse practitioner, prescribed misoprostol pills to himself and slipped four of them into the woman’s body during intercourse. Coots, the father of the child, was arrested and charged with second-degree assault, third-degree rape, and tampering with a witness.

June, 2025: A woman in Texas lost her child after Justin Anthony Banta, the father of the child, slipped an abortion-inducing drug into her drink at a coffee shop without her knowledge or consent. She experienced heavy bleeding and visited the emergency room, but lost her child a few days later. This incident occurred almost immediately after a doctor confirmed the baby was healthy. Mr. Banta was charged and is currently awaiting prosecution.

August, 2025: A woman in Illinois lost her child after Emerson Evans administered abortion-inducing medication without her knowledge or consent. Firefighters and police officers responded to the woman’s home where she was “having a medical emergency” that resulted in the loss of her unborn child. Mr. Evans was arrested on two counts of intentional homicide of an unborn child.

December, 2025: A woman lost her child when Hassan-James Abbas, a surgical resident at the University of Toledo, attacked her in her sleep and held her down while he pushed abortion-inducing drugs into her mouth. When the woman escaped, she rushed to the hospital, but it was already too late and she lost her child. Abbas has been indicted by a grand jury and is currently awaiting trial.