



## Jury Verdict for Planned Parenthood

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*It's not the last word and we will appeal. But today the jury in Planned Parenthood's vengeance suit against Sandra Merritt gave a complete verdict in favor of Planned Parenthood.*

***Sandra challenged America's largest abortion provider, exposing its heinous trade in human body parts harvested from the bodies of tiny infants. And in this lawsuit, it flexed its muscle and struck back.***

After just three days of deliberations, the jury announced a complete verdict in favor of Planned Parenthood today in its multimillion-dollar civil lawsuit against Sandra Merritt for her groundbreaking undercover investigation with colleague David Daleiden, founder of the Center for Medical Progress. (CMP).

Planned Parenthood filed its revenge suit against Sandra and David for revealing and exposing the largest abortion mill's unethical and potentially illegal profiting from human baby body parts.

**Liberty Counsel represents Sandra—a courageous 66-year-old grandmother—and will appeal the verdict.**

The jury decided in favor of the abortion giant on each count, including RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) and awarded punitive damages of \$870,000.

Planned Parenthood originally sought \$20 million in damages for trespassing, fraud, and RICO conspiracy against Sandra and David. Yet the U.S. Supreme Court ruled several years ago that RICO cannot be used against pro-life picketers to silence free speech.

**+ + Planned Parenthood-linked judge ordered guilty verdict**

**Judge Orrick had ordered the jury to find Merritt and Daleiden guilty** of trespassing for their undercover journalism at Planned Parenthood conferences and clinics before the jury retired to consider a verdict.

- The judge said the jury must accept his rulings and only decide if Planned Parenthood suffered damage from the trespass and what damages they should be awarded.
- Orrick also told the jury it couldn't look at this as a First Amendment case, where freedom of speech and the press could be considered as a defense.
- In 2017, Orrick was asked to recuse himself from the case as he has had "an ongoing and longstanding professional relationship with Planned Parenthood."
- Judge Orrick is a founder of the Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, a San Francisco-based organization that houses a Planned Parenthood facility within its complex.

#### **+ + Strait-jacketed**

From the beginning, this trial has been straight-jacketed to tie the hands of the jury and force them to give a verdict to Planned Parenthood. There was **critical evidence to our defense that was prohibited** from being shown to the jury.

**There are so many reversible errors that we will address on appeal.** You may rest assured, that this is not the last word.

#### **+ + Your help needed as the battle enters its next phase**

Because this case is far from over, I ask for your help now as we enter the next phase of this critical battle against the nation's number one abortion provider.

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