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**Planned Parenthood opponents make
false rape allegations in North Carolina**
Police expend time and resources investigating bogus claims

The anti-abortion group Students for Life is encouraging its members to make false rape claims at Planned Parenthood health centers while secretly recording medical staff conversations. The group is now making false claims about Planned Parenthood's response to fake patient visits in North Carolina.

Planned Parenthood Health Systems, Inc. (PPHS), based in Raleigh NC, is committed to the health and safety of all patients, and works with law enforcement and public health officials to help keep teens safe.

When anti-abortion activists posing as underage teens made false statutory rape claims at two North Carolina health centers while seeking birth control, staff took aggressive steps. Despite suspicions that the two women were adults providing false information, the clinic staff notified Child Protective Services as well as police. The ensuing police investigation unfortunately included disrupting the lives of a Winston-Salem family whose minor daughter has the same last name as the one provided by the fake patient.

Triggering false reports of rape as part of an anti-abortion campaign ploy undermines the critical work of public health and law enforcement agencies of North Carolina, regardless of personal or political views about access to birth control.

For more than 90 years, Planned Parenthood has been the nation's most trusted provider of reproductive health care. PPHS is committed to providing high quality reproductive health care and comprehensive sexuality education in North Carolina, as well as South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. We remain strong advocates for women, men and teens seeking affordable, professional health care and accurate, unbiased information regarding reproductive health.

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