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Planned Parenthood Metropolitan has denied the injuries suffered and the infertility of Shantese Butler. In addition, **they state in their answer that Butler's claims are barred by the doctrines of informed consent and assumption of risk.**

Kristan Hawkins, SFLA's Executive Director, remarked, "This is a horrible situation. Our thoughts go out to Shantese and her family as she recovers from her injuries both from the rape and abortion. Further, it is outrageous that Planned Parenthood thinks they are excused from being held liable because Shantese was informed of possible risks associated with abortion. In no other medical profession would this be acceptable. **How ironic is it that the pro-abortion movement claims they want abortions to be 'safe, legal, and rare,' when in this poster case for abortion, Shantese was permanently injured, resulting in infertility for the rest of her life, making abortion harmful and almost deadly to the young girl.**"

[Read the lawsuit filed on 2.12.08 and Planned Parenthood's Response to the Lawsuit 4.3.08 here.](#)

Students for Life of America is a non-profit organization dedicated to equipping the pro-life generation with the resources they need to end abortion in America. There are 3500 colleges and universities nation-wide and there are currently 438 pro-life groups. For more information on SFLA and its historic college recruitment program please visit www.studentsforlife.org. For more information on this announcement, or this organization, you can contact Kristan Hawkins at 240-678-9620 or through e-mail at kristan@studentsforlife.org.

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