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create a climate of violence

Moore said she was "horrified and very saddened by a senseless act of violence.

"To try and stop violence by committing an act of violence does not stop it at all," she said.

Oregon Right To Life is committed to non-violent means of getting its message out, she said, and the group takes a two-fold approach of education and political activism in its antiabortion efforts.

Right To Life is only one of the anti-abortion organizations, although we all tend to get lumped together. she said. "Our group condemns violence. We discourage anyone from being involved in any illegal activity. And, in fact, we prohibit anyone who holds a position in our group from participating in any illegal activity.'

Sheklow said no abortion provider in the country feels safe and the local center has greatly increased security measures recently. Anyone who enters the clinic must show photo identification, video cameras are in place and the staff has received bomb squad training.

Sheklow said she is concerned about an escalation in violence against local clinics.

Among the bumper stickers and signs that people have displayed while protesting the center are, "open season on abortionists," "your clin-ics's days are numbered," and "execute abortionists and murderers," Sheklow said.

Piercy said she believes pro-choice legislation may exacerbate violent behavior on the part of the anti-abortion activists who feel like they are 'losing the battle."

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Michael Frederick Griffin, once described by his wife as suffering "great fits of violence," was charged with murder and ordered held without bond.

At this time we have no evidence to indicate a conspiracy exists," police Sgt. Jerry Potts said. "The case is not closed, but I can't say we anticipate additional

In Washington, several national groups urged an FBI investigation of "anti-choice violence," and President Clinton deplored the shooting.

'As a nation committed to rule of law, we cannot allow violent vigilantes to restrict the rights of American women," the president said in the statement. "No person seeking medical care, and no physician providing that care, should have to endure harassment, threats or intimidation.

The shooting, abortion rights advocates said, is indicative of growing extremism in the anti-abortion move-

The government needs to ensure that vigilantes, terrorists and religious extremists do not take away our basic right to choose," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Via a television hookup between the jail and the Escambia County Courthouse, Griffin asked Judge William J. Green for a blanket and a Bible for his cell.

"I would like to keep my Bible as one of my legal documents," Griffin said. Green referred him to jail administrators, who wouldn't comment on the requests. Griffin also asked to represent himself, but the judge didn't rule on that request

The slaying wasn't the first time Pensacola has been the site of anti-abortion violence.

On Christmas Day in 1984, abortion foes bombed two doctors' offices and a clinic that had been bombed earlier that year. Four people were convicted.

In March 1986, six protesters were arrested after they stormed into the same clinic, damaging equipment and injuring two women. One was John Burt, a leader of Wednesday's protest at Gunn's clinic.

Gunn, who lived in Eufaula, Ala., also performed abortions at clinics in Alabama and Georgia, commuting by

"He was such a caring, compassionate physician," said K.B. Kohls, director of Beacon Women's Center in Montgomery, Ala., where Gunn worked. "These women really do feel like he gave his life for them."

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if they are more likely now than two months ago to be raped in the Eugene-Springfield area, as it seems that rapes are happening more and more." Collier said.

Collier pointed out that while this current fear is based on stranger rape, 85 percent of sexual assaults are perpetrated by an offender who knows

"The real danger is from people known to vic-tims," Collier said "Only 2 percent of people who are raped by people they know report rapes.

National Self Defense consultant Nadia Telsey said women should learn how to avoid an assault. It is important for women to be able to make choices when faced by an attacker - based on an assessment of their physical skills and information about the assailant, Telsey said.

I think we need to make decisions based on intuition," Telsey said. "What's most important is that every situation is different.'

Telsey also said women must learn how to use self-defense tools. Pepper spray is probably the most effective self-defense device, as opposed to whistles and alarms, Telsey said. However, she said, women need to realize the spray alone won't

"The point is to spray and get away," Telsey said. "It's a tool and not an answer."

Poppy said within the past two months, 24 sexual assaults have been reported to the police department. Although the number is comparable to last year's reported rape count, the problem is rising, he said.

"There's no reason to feel safe," Poppy said. "It's an ongoing problem, that's my concern.

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