

Texas doctor who defied state’s new abortion ban has been sued

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DALLAS — A San Antonio doctor who said he performed an abortion in defiance of a new Texas law all but dared supporters of the state’s near-total ban on the procedure to try making an early example of him by filing a lawsuit — and by Monday, two people obliged.

Former attorneys in Arkansas and Illinois filed separate state lawsuits Monday against Dr. Alan Braid, who in a week-end Washington Post opinion column became the first Texas abortion provider to publicly reveal he violated the law that took effect on Sept. 1.

They both came in ahead of the state’s largest anti-abortion group, which had said it had attorneys ready to bring lawsuits. Neither ex-lawyer who filed suit said they were anti-abortion. But both said courts should weigh in.

The Texas law prohibits abortions once medical professionals can detect cardiac activity, which is usually around six weeks and before some women even know they are pregnant. Prosecutors cannot take criminal action against Braid, because the law explicitly forbids that. The only way the ban can be enforced is through lawsuits brought



Barbie H. leads a Sept. 1 protest against the six-week abortion ban at the Capitol in Austin, Texas.

by private citizens, who don’t have to be from Texas and who are entitled to claim at least \$10,000 in damages if successful.

Oscar Stillely, who described himself in court paperwork as a disgraced former lawyer who lost his law license after being convicted of tax fraud in 2010, said he is not opposed to abortion but sued to force a court review of Texas’ anti-abortion law, which he called an “end-run.”

“I don’t want doctors out there nervous and sitting there and quaking in their boots and saying, ‘I can’t do this because if this thing works out, then I’m going to be bankrupt,’” Stillely, of Cedarville, Arkansas, near the Oklahoma border, told The Associated Press.

Felipe N. Gomez, of Chicago, asked a court in San Antonio in his lawsuit to declare the new law unconstitutional. In his view, the law is

a form of government over-reach. He said his lawsuit is a way to hold the Republicans who run Texas accountable, adding that their lax response to public health during the COVID-19 pandemic conflicts with their crack down on abortion rights.

“If Republicans are going to say nobody can tell you to get a shot they shouldn’t tell women what to do with their bodies either,” Gomez said. “I think they should be consistent.”

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Discussing the facts of the case, Jefferson County District Attorney Steve Leriche called the incident leading to Smith’s death “quite a bit of chaos.”

“The defendant was under the influence of methamphetamine,” Leriche said. “In fact, both parties were under the influence of methamphetamine.”

On Dec. 16, Campbell was in the garage of a home belonging to several friends at 896 SW First St. in Madras.

At the time, Smith believed Campbell was involved in the theft of Smith’s daughter’s backpack. She and an associate, Robert Holquin, traveled to the house to confront Campbell about it.

Campbell was armed with a loaded handgun. Smith also had a weapon: a ball bearing attached to a lanyard, Leriche said on Monday.

According to the police account, Campbell pulled the gun on Smith and Holquin attempted to grab it. The gun “went off” in Campbell’s hand.

A single bullet traveled through Smith’s heart. She died shortly after.

For four days, Campbell eluded police. She and an accomplice, Thomas David James Cross, set up a fake drug deal with a man they knew. They robbed him and stole his Ford Ranger. Campbell later crashed the truck near Smith Rock while being pursued by police. She and Cross parted ways

and she ran to a nearby home, where she pointed a firearm at the family of four while attempting to steal a vehicle.

She was arrested shortly after in the driveway of the home in Terrebonne.

The sentence in the second case, 54 months in prison, was assigned to run concurrent with the sentence in the homicide case.

Last month, Cross was sentenced last month to five years in prison for pleading guilty to two felonies:

attempted first-degree robbery and unlawful use of a weapon.

On Monday, Campbell’s attorney, Geoffrey Gokey, noted for the judge his client didn’t go to the First Street house intending to hurt Smith or anyone else.

“The evidence is the gun was in her hands when it went off, and my client feels terrible about that,” Gokey said, adding that his client has been addicted to meth for 10 years.

Campbell declined an opportunity to address the court. Vitolins apologized to Sammons for Campbell’s silence.

“To the members of Ms. Smith’s family, I am sorry that Ms. Campbell was not able to express any feelings of remorse or apologize for essentially killing your loved one. But I do want to tell you that I am very sorry for your loss.”

Sammons declined to comment as he left the courthouse.

“I’m done dealing with this place,” he said.

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“Words were exchanged and shots were fired, and the state doesn’t feel it was justified,” Hummel said. “We feel really good about the case.” Washington was a new resident of Bend, having moved from Sacramento, California, Hummel said.

Hummel said Cranston was arrested by

police “pretty quickly.” Numerous people witnessed the dispute and the shooting.

Investigators learned the two men did not know each other, and the shooting was precipitated by the victim speaking with Cranston’s girlfriend, Hummel said.

“He asked her on a date,” Hummel said. “He wasn’t grabbing or pawing or molesting her. He asked her out, and her boyfriend didn’t like that.”

According to a Facebook profile appearing to be Cranston’s, he works as a machinist for Bend-based ammunition manufacturer Nosler.

The Bend Police Department asks witnesses to the fatal shooting to call the nonemergency dispatch line at 541-693-6911.

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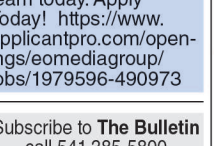
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