

AREA RESOURCE GUIDE

(Services listed are provided free of charge, or have income-based scheduling)

Homicide Support/Advocacy

Compassionate Families
354-0007, 721-3326
Life Is Valuable
908-0989
Parents of Murdered Children
262-0866, 713-9683
Victim Services Center
630-6300
Jax. Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate
630-1764

Abuse (Domestic)

24 Hour Hotline
1-800-500-1119
Hubbard House
Emergency Shelter
& Counseling
354-3114
Quigley House (Clay County)
1-800-339-5017

Compensation (victim)

Victim Services
630-6300
MADD Victim Services
388-0664

Consumer Fraud

State Attorney's Office
630-4994

City of Jacksonville

Consumer Affairs Division
630-3467

Detoxification

Gateway Community Services
387-4661

Family

Family Nurturing Center of Florida
389-4244

Legal Assistance

Legal Aid
356-8371

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

(MADD)
388-2455

Rape

Sexual Assault
Response Center
244-RAPE (244-7273)
Office
244-4600

RAPE Recovery Team

722-3000

State Attorney's Office

630-2400

Trauma Counseling

Women's Center of Jacksonville
722-3000
City Victim Services
630-6300

Youth Crisis

Youth Crisis Center
The Safe Place
766-3040

Terri Schiavo...

from front page

received the rehabilitation her husband swore under oath to provide her. Michael Schiavo obtained more than \$1.5 million as the result of a medical malpractice lawsuit. Instead, Schiavo used the money earmarked for Terri's medical trust to hire attorneys to end her life by starvation and dehydration.

Contrary to published reports, Terri Schiavo has not been given a swallowing test or medical rehabilitation since 1992. She has been held hostage in a nursing home and a hospice where she has spent the last five years. Terri has been left for years to stare out a window, and more recently a darkened room with the blinds closed, as her parents fight to get her back so they can give her the proper care and medical attention.

This is clearly a violation of FLS. 744.3215. Judge George Greer refuses to make the guardian, Michael Schiavo, comply with Florida law. In violation of federal and state guidelines, Terri has been held hostage in a home for the dying, even though she is neither terminal, dying, unconscious nor in a persistent vegetative state. Her PVS status is merely a ruling from the 6th Circuit and is not a medical fact. These deliberate omissions by the mainstream media are a national disgrace.

The right to life is protected under the U.S. Constitution and has been fought and paid for in blood, down thru the ages from our founding fathers to this present day and is an inalienable right for all citizens. This court-ordered



Ted Hires with the Schindler family and David Gibbs of the Christian Law Association at Tallahassee rally.

starvation death is no less than judicial homicide.

Terri has not been permitted to go outside except in emergency transport in more than five years. Under Florida law, if you treated an animal this way, you would be arrested and put in jail. Under Florida law it is illegal to starve a barnyard animal or a convicted felon, as it would constitute cruel and unusual punishment. The state does not treat death row inmates this inhumanely.

Last Thursday Judge Greer blocked by court order the DCF, a state agency, from investigating the allegations of ongoing criminal abuse against Terri Schiavo by her guardian. Judge Greer's ruling violated the Separation of Powers Doctrine, which protects all three branches of government from encroachment.

Former Schindler attorney, Pat Anderson, requested an investigation into this abuse two years ago. Chief Counsel for the DCF, Frank Nagatani,

told her "that the supervisors in the region had looked at the case, but simply were not going to get involved."

When Judge Greer states that these allegations have been investigated and the DCF found no abuse, this is a lie. In fact, we find that when Judge Greer had the other DCF notes and complaint sealed two years ago, he again obstructed justice for Terri by preventing the court to enter this information into the record.

Also, in violation of Florida law and judicial canon, Judge Greer has acted as the judge and Terri's guardian ad litem in an adversarial proceeding. This is statutorily prohibited and also a denial of due process.

With this in mind, we ask the Legislature and Judiciary Committee to act swiftly to prevent this injustice by enacting HB 701 into law. Additionally, we ask the Senate to move immediately with the companion bill S2128 sponsored by Senator Steve Wise.

In any event, we request Gov. Bush, by Executive order, to send the FDLE on Friday to Woodside Hospice to prevent the removal of Terri's feeding tube, which would cause her an agonizing and painful death. It will also destroy the only living piece of evidence into how and why Terri's bone scan reveals that she has a "history of trauma."

We ask that until all the criminal allegations have been thoroughly investigated, that Gov. Bush take Terri into protective custody under Chapter 415.1051 of the Florida statutes. I believe that Terri Schiavo is the ultimate victim and therefore deserves the ultimate protection.

• • •

Sadly, the Florida legislature did not enact this law; however, the U. S. Senate did pass an emergency bill to save Terri's life and subpoena her and other involved parties to testify in Congress. Judge Greer refused to obey this directive, other judges agreed with him, and Governor Bush felt he had exhausted all his options.

Concerned citizens throughout our country grieve today, not just for a once-lovely young woman who endured an agonizing, barbaric, court-ordered death by starvation, not just because we've futilely confronted a stone wall of judicial tyranny or incredulously witnessed our government's ineffectual attempt to prevent such an atrocity, but because the death knell tolls for countless future victims who, unable to defend themselves, will suffer the same fate.



WESTSIDE TOYOTA

**Proudly
supports
the
Justice Coalition**



5560 Normandy Blvd. • Jacksonville, Florida
904-783-6466