Catholic Pro-Life Activist Acquitted After Shoving Antagonistic Abortion Clinic Volunteer

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Philadelphia: Pro-life activist Mark Houck, who was accused of shoving Bruce Love, a Planned Parenthood patient escort volunteer, in front of an abortion clinic in 2021, faced a maximum sentence of 11 years in prison under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. Houck was found 'not guilty'. Houck says he was offering counseling outside an abortion clinic when Bruce Love had an altercation Houck's 12-year old son and continued harassing the boy; Houck shoved Bruce Love. Houck was later raided by the FBI with a SWAT team of about 25 people and was arrested. Houck's attorney said that Houck was raided and arrested to "scare pro-lifers from coming out on the sidewalks and being active." The jury took only about an hour to acquit Houck.

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his encounter with a rowdy Planned Parenthood escort that led to the FBI raiding his home and the Biden administration wanting him to face 11 years in prison.

A jury acquitted the Pennsylvania dad who was accused of pushing a Planned Parenthood escort during an encounter outside an abortion clinic. The Biden administration alleged Houck violated the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act, which criminalizes using force with the intent to injure, intimidate and interfere with clinic workers, according to a previous Fox News report. Houck explained how he was defending his son from volunteer Bruce Love.

"He is about a foot away from my son after already having one altercation with him,"
Houck began to recall the incident to "Hannity." "He's making my son extremely nervous."

When Houck's son moved behind him, he could tell his boy was "visibly scared" and insults continued to be directed at them. Then, the Catholic dad told Love to go back to where he normally stands.

"I walk him there and tell him to stop talking to my son," the activist recalled. "He doesn't have any permission to talk to my son. Next thing I know, he turns around and he's talking to my son again and then you see the push."

Though the pro-lifer experienced many encounters over the years he let flow off of his back, this was the first time the volunteer "overstepped his bounds" and the boy became "bait for him."

A SWAT Team of around 25 people shockingly showed up at Houck's house pounding on the family's door.

"They said they were going to break in if he didn't open it," wife Ryan-Marie previously told Catholic News Agency, "and then they had about five guns pointed at my husband, myself and basically at my kids."

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