

## **CVS pharmacist near Dallas reportedly refuses to sell Plan B to male customer**

According to a January 5 report by FOX 4 News in Dallas, a married father of two was not allowed to purchase Plan B® in a CVS Pharmacy in Mesquite, TX in November. Presumably because of a failure of the couple's regular method, the customer contacted multiple pharmacies near his home seeking Plan B, and discovered that the CVS Pharmacy had one package in stock. He made a late trip to the pharmacy, but the male pharmacist refused to sell it to a non-female customer, reportedly saying "The reason we don't sell it to men is because they are using it for rape victims." The statement was allegedly made to the customer as he was in line at the pharmacy counter, with two other customers waiting behind him. The report noted that the customer was able to eventually purchase Plan B from a Walgreens Pharmacy.

CVS issued a statement that "It is against our policy to prevent the sale of emergency contraception to a male customer," and reported that it was following up with the pharmacy staff to assure the policy would be followed. The ACLU was quoted as saying that it has received similar complaints concerning pharmacies in other states, including some Walgreens pharmacies, and that it has petitioned the pharmacies to make sure that corporate policies are being followed.

[Solis N. Pharmacy refused to sell Plan B to man. FOX 4 News (Dallas-Ft. Worth) 2012 Jan 5; <http://bit.ly/z6UIKo>]