

Advocate of Birth Control Wins Dismissal of Charge

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—An Arlington, Va., County court dismissed today a disorderly conduct charge against William R. Baird, the birth control advocate, stemming from a pro-abortion demonstration during a national conference of Roman Catholic bishops in Arlington in October.

The misdemeanor charge was dismissed on a motion by the Commonwealth Attorney for Arlington County.

According to Philip Hirschkop, Mr. Baird's lawyer, Mr. Baird was arrested outside a hotel room, where the bishops were meeting, while Mr. Baird was attempting to pass out pamphlets promoting his stand in favor of free abortion.

In 1967, Mr. Baird was convicted in Massachusetts of giving contraceptive materials to a Boston University coed. The state law under which he was convicted was later struck down by a Federal appeals court, and Mr. Baird's conviction was overturned by the Supreme Court last March.

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