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# Anti-abortion groups plan picket lines

Local abortion counseling services have taken precautions for the weekend after law enforcement agencies notified them they may be the target of anti-abortion activists.

Earlier in the week, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office and Watsonville police department began preparing for a possible protest by Operation Rescue, a national anti-abortion group that tries to block access to clinics. The agencies informed Planned Parenthood and the Choice Medical Clinic in Santa Cruz they might be targets.

Today, Sheriff's Sgt. Denny Clare said local law enforcement now believes the protests will be concentrated in Alameda and Contra Costa County.

Monday, the Christian Action Council of Santa Cruz County announced to the news media plans to picket the Santa Cruz Medical Clinic tomorrow morning. The group regularly

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pickets abortion clinics and counseling centers.

The action comes on the anniversary of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion. The current court has agreed to hear arguments in another case in its current session that could overturn or restrict the earlier ruling.

In contrast to the legal picketing actions of the Christian Action Council, the tactics of Operation Rescue involve sit-ins and blocking entrances to clinics.

Last October, 248 persons were arrested outside a Sunnyvale clinic during an Operation Rescue protest.