

WHERE: Elizabeth Buffum Chase statue, 2nd Fl. Statehouse
WHEN: 10:30 am, Tuesday, 15th September, 2026
WHAT: ***“Does it Rise to the Level?”*** presser -- opponent has been invited

RI’s GOP AG candidate: “I’ll criminally charge men for abortions”

Outsider Republican pol shamelessly steals, tweaks, Dem opponent’s idea, then has the gall to ask her to sign on.

Longshot RI GOP AG candidate Alan Gordon is challenging Democratic AG Nominee Kim Ahern to join him in an **initiative honoring expectant mothers**, called “Does it Rise to the Level?” -- and it’s tacked onto a plan the GOP pol admits he stole directly from Ahern herself, the “Reproductive Justice Unit.” (<https://alangordonri.com/reproductive-justice-unit/>)

According to Gordon’s analysis of RI law, men’s role in unplanned pregnancies sometimes “rises to the level” of criminal charges, even where sexual consent was present -- and he wants his feminist Democrat opponent’s mutual pledge to enforce it.

Gordon says a man should only intercourse with a woman if they mean to have a baby, because RI’s Felony Assault law (RIGL § 11-5-2(c)(4))’s abortion protections apply only to clinicians, not fathers. If a woman consented to sex, but not to pregnancy, and then she “needs” an abortion, **the father can be criminally charged**.

“New Sheriffs in town -- men are going to have to stand by their mates’ wishes, through thick and thin,” says Gordon, “or else there could be charges.” Further, says Gordon, serious bodily changes from pregnancy, even from a completed pregnancy or miscarriage, could be viewed as Negligent Battery under § 11-5-2.2 unless the woman expressly consented to the pregnancy. Such events could also be charged as misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct § 11-45-1(a)(3), since non-verbal conduct is legally “speech”.

“In law, a woman may consent to being playfully shoved -- but if she falls and gets hurt, that’s a crime,” said the candidate. The same rule holds true for pregnancy. Consent for intercourse is not legally the same as consent for pregnancy, the act’s “normal and natural consequence” -- just as consent to a playful shove is not consent to fall and get hurt, even accidentally.

Gordon says crimes occur every day which do not “rise to the level” of arrest and charges, like minor scuffles where no one wishing to press the matter. But, says the candidate “It’s time for RI men to step up, because ***if it “rises to the level”***, I will charge you’re a--. RI’s men need to stop expecting women to take drugs and surgeries to erase the consequences.”

Gordon’s www page proposal features Court diversion, training and mentoring, without new State funds.