March 2005: Schiavo

Dacus Library
Theresa Marie Schiavo
Life or Death Decisions

Does the government have the right to intervene in your personal life or death decisions? The Theresa Marie Schiavo case has stirred much interest in the government documents world and brings up many ethical, moral, and political questions. All three branches of government have become involved in determining the fate of Terri Schiavo.

Several classes at Winthrop University have begun discussions concerning this case. Your Government Documents Department has put together a quick guide to information about Theresa Marie Schiavo and the right to die decision.

Selection of items available in Dacus Library:

**General Collection Books:**

**General Collection Videos:**
**eBooks and Journals** (access through the Dacus Online Catalog):
*Is There a Duty to Die?* (eBook) / James M. Humber and Robert F. Almeder, editors.

**Death Studies** (electronic journal).

**Government Documents** (online resources):

http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ Full Text of S.686  For the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo.

http://www.miami.edu/ethics/schiavo_project.htm. University of Miami Ethics Programs. Schiavo case resources (includes links to full text court orders and legislation).


**Similar Cases (available on LexisNexis database):**

Karen Ann Quinlan.  70 N.J. 10 (1976) -- Supreme Court of New Jersey.


This is just a sampling of the wealth of information available. Please contact **Government Documents x2322 or the Reference Desk x6208 for further assistance.**

Jackie McFadden
Reference Librarian / Government Documents
323-2322
mcfaddenj@winthrop.edu