

Breaking: Grad student from Hong Kong charged with punching 78-year-old female pro-life protester

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IOWA CITY, IA, August 22, 2013 (LifeSiteNews.com) – Police have charged a foreign graduate student with punching a 78-year-old woman holding a pro-life sign in Iowa City.



The incident took place just after 9 a.m. yesterday at the corner of Riverside Drive and Highway 1.

Police say the man, 30-year-old Man Chun John Ma, struck the elderly woman in the back. Her husband confronted the man, while she nursed arm and shoulder pain, according to a [local report](#).

Officers say Ma admitted the attack and said he had acted wrongly, but he thought opposing abortion was “strange.”

Authorities [charged](#) Ma with assault causing bodily injury. He was reportedly released from Johnson County Jail that evening.

The man, who hails from [Hong Kong](#), is a [graduate student](#) in the University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine's pharmacology program and [enrolled](#) in its interdisciplinary graduate program in genetics.

A [similar incident](#) took place in Iowa City last August 8 just down the road, at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Highway 6. William Carl Kapp, 26, grabbed a graphic pro-life sign from a 77-year-old woman and destroyed it, saying the image of an aborted baby was “horrific” and “obscene.”

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