



## Charge against pro-lifer stayed

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### Taxes | Prosecutor says it's better to dedicate resources to other matters

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The federal attorney general has stayed an income tax charge that was laid against anti-abortion activist David T. Little in April.

Provincial court Judge Julian Dickson was set to hear Little's plea Tuesday on a new charge against Little brought by the Canada Revenue Agency for failing to comply with a judge's order to file income-tax returns for 2000-02.

However, the judge instead announced that he had received word that a stay had been issued by the federal government.

A stay halts the prosecution of the charge.

Little wasn't present in court Tuesday.

In April, Little, after refusing to pay fines for previous tax charges, was ordered to serve 66 days in jail in default.

Chief provincial court Judge Leslie Jackson convicted Little in November 2007 of failing to file income-tax returns for 2000, 2001 and 2002 and fined him \$3,000.

Jackson further ordered him to file his outstanding tax returns.

Keith Ward, senior counsel with the Atlantic region office of the Public Prosecution Service of Canada and the lead federal prosecutor on Little's case, said he made the decision to stay the charge.

"It's for reasons of economy," Ward said from his Halifax office Tuesday.

"He was essentially going to run the same defence ... He can easily manipulate the system all the way up to the Supreme Court of Canada level."

When Little was charged for failing to file tax returns for 2000-2002, his defence was that it violated his right of freedom of religion.

During his April court appearance, Little made it clear he would mount a similar defence on the new charge of failing to comply with a judge's order.

Ward said it was decided federal resources should be dedicated to more important matters.

Ward said it's also apparent that Little has no taxable income of which to speak.

The 66-year-old Roman Catholic and father of eight has vowed publicly never to file another tax return as long as there's tax-funded abortion in Canada.

With files from The Daily Gleaner staff writer Don MacPherson

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I want my tax money paid in 2000-2003 returned to me!

52 THUMBS UP 10 THUMBS DOWN

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**Bear Grizzly, Fredericton** on 11/08/10 07:03:07 AM ADT

It's amazing that something as meaningless as "it's against my religious beliefs" would be enough to ward off our entire legal system. But that's great news for the rest of us! Find something the government uses tax dollars to pay for, claim you disagree with it for reasons of religion, and none of us will ever have to pay taxes again.

70 THUMBS UP 14 THUMBS DOWN

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**HAL 9000, Fredericton** on 11/08/10 08:19:21 AM ADT

hopefully they aren't sending him his pension cheques! Use that money to pay his tax debt. I also hope he doesn't intend to use medicare, roads, his kids don't use the schools, etc...that's also what the tax dollars go to, not just abortion.

54  THUMBS UP 7  THUMBS DOWN

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**MJ M, Fredericton** on 11/08/10 10:07:22 AM ADT

While he may have gotten away without paying his taxes, he should be required to forward an equivalent amount to a charity, and one that is not affiliated in any way with his cause. Perhaps it should go to the SPCA!

29  THUMBS UP 11  THUMBS DOWN

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**Always Trying, Fredericton** on 11/08/10 10:08:05 AM ADT

I dont want to fund abortions either out of my pocket but didnt Jesus say "render unto ceaser what is ceaser"?"

My bible might be different... how about your's?

16  THUMBS UP 17  THUMBS DOWN

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**Justin C, Fredericton** on 11/08/10 10:34:45 AM ADT

People should bear in mind there's no indication that Mr. Little owes any federal taxes whatsoever. The federal Crown has conceded he has no discernible income.

He was initially charged with three counts of failing to FILE income-tax returns, not for failing to PAY income taxes. The subsequent charge, which was stayed Tuesday, was for failing to comply with a judge's order to file those previous returns.

Chances are that the federal government would have to pay him refunds. Now, one could argue that if he wanted to keep the government from funding abortions, he'd want to get those refunds so that cash wouldn't remain in the public purse.

21  THUMBS UP 9  THUMBS DOWN

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**DON MACPHERSON, Fredericton** on 11/08/10 10:36:26 AM ADT

"The federal Crown has conceded he has no discernible income."

Maybe someone should look into that as well. Has anyone ever had the misfortune of meeting David Little? I have. He definitely has money.

48  THUMBS UP 4  THUMBS DOWN

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**HAL 9000, Fredericton** on 11/08/10 10:58:01 AM ADT

It would be really funny if he was entitled to a refund all those years, but because he didn't file his taxes he forfeited it!

Still it's not fair to those of us who file our taxes, that someone can not file, lose a case and be ordered to file by

a judge, still not file their tax returns and get away with it.

Perhaps if he became ineligible for Medicare (since it's funded by tax dollars) he would change his tune pretty quick.

26  THUMBS UP 2  THUMBS DOWN

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**starrydays 17, canada** on 11/08/10 12:00:10 PM ADT

Kudo's to Mr. Little!! Why should we pay taxes to have the innocent killed.. And Hal 9000, I'm sure if you knew him as well as the rest of us do, you would see his reasoning behind "his" choice and keep in mind that he does have 8 children, so any money he earns or pays taxes on, he certainly does not get that back from the good ole Federal government... The government probably owes him more than they are willing to admit!!!!

4  THUMBS UP 51  THUMBS DOWN

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**River Lady, Miramichi** on 11/08/10 12:02:15 PM ADT

Pay your taxes like I do!!!

33  THUMBS UP 2  THUMBS DOWN

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**Not Dumb, Fredericton** on 11/08/10 12:16:14 PM ADT

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