

N.B. abortion foe fined, ordered to pay taxes

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FREDERICTON — A New Brunswick man who refuses to file tax returns as a protest against abortion has been found guilty and ordered to file the returns and pay \$3,000 in fines.

David T. Little, 62, of Fredericton said he will not comply with the order because he maintains the religious belief that abortion is murder and the federal government funds abortions.

Judge Leslie Jackson has given Mr. Little until March 31 to file his tax returns and must return to court April 4 if he has not paid the fines.

Mr. Little could be forced to serve 66 days in jail in lieu of the fines.

During the trial earlier this year, the defence argued that Mr. Little's long history as an anti-abortion activism shows that his beliefs are sincere and not just an excuse to get out of filing tax returns.

In his decision, the judge said Mr. Little had not demonstrated that the Income Tax Act interferes with his religious beliefs.

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