

## N.B. anti-abortion activist fined and ordered to file tax returns

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FREDERICTON - A New Brunswick man who refuses to file tax returns as a protest against abortion was convicted Friday and ordered to file the returns and pay \$3,000 in fines.

David T. Little, 62, of Fredericton said afterward he won't comply with the order because he maintains the religious belief that abortion is murder and the federal government funds it.

"I will never pay a fine," he told reporters outside the courthouse. "I will never enter into any co-operation with government ever again until they change the law.

"Human beings in the womb are human beings and we shouldn't be paying our money to kill them."

Judge Leslie Jackson gave Little until March 31 to file his tax returns for 2000 to 2002.

He must return to court April 4 if he doesn't pay the fines. Not paying could result in a 66-day jail term.

When asked by the judge if he had anything to say to the court, Little launched into a lengthy sermon-like speech that often quoted passages from the Bible.

During a trial last spring, the defence argued that Little's long history as an anti-abortion activist shows his beliefs are sincere and not just an excuse to get out of filing tax returns.

However, in his decision, Judge Jackson said: "The defendant has not demonstrated that the Income Tax Act interferes with his religious beliefs."

The sentences given to Little are the minimum under the law. He could have faced fines of up to \$25,000 or a year in jail on each of the three charges.

Federal prosecutor Suhanya Edwards said the sentence was fair.

She wouldn't comment on Little's vow to not pay the fines, adding only that prosecutors would take a wait-and-see approach.

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So this sanctimonious individual states he is a person of God and has strong religious beliefs uses these beliefs not to pay taxes which go to support social programs and other services which he uses. Well I guess that maybe we should approach the government and have his CPP and Old Age Pension either reduced by the amount he has not paid in taxes. And what about the education services his children use, maybe we should cut those as well.

This guy has done nothing but tie up the courts and cost us more money. If he chooses to not pay we will support him in jail. Oh well this will be money well spent.

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