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Canadian Gvmt Lets Off Pro-Lifer for Refusing to File Abortion-Funding Taxes

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FREDERICTON, New Brunswick, August 13, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Canada's attorney general has opted not to prosecute pro-life activist David Little for his failure to file income tax returns, reports the Daily Gleaner.

Little, 66, has not filed tax returns since 2000 because taxes are used to fund abortions. He believes that to file would mean colluding with a corrupt tax system.

He was jailed for 66 days in April after being convicted for not filing from 2000-2002. He had been scheduled to appear in court Tuesday on new charges.

"I don't want to cooperate with an entity that takes my money and pays gynecological assassins to kill my brothers and sisters," Little said in April, according to the Canadian Press. "I'm prepared to die in jail, if necessary. I can no longer cope with the hypocrisy of praying for life ... and paying for death."

Keith Ward, the federal prosecutor, said he decided to stay the charges so that federal funds could be used on more important issues. "It's for reasons of economy," he told the Daily Gleaner. "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."

Ward also noted that Little has basically no taxable income.

Little, now a resident in Prince Edward Island, was convicted in 2007 by the New Brunswick provincial court, after Revenue Canada ordered him to file his 2000-2002 returns in 2003.

He attempted to appeal the 2007 conviction, but he lost at the NB Court of Queen's Bench. His request for appeal was denied at the New Brunswick Court of Appeal last August and again at the Supreme Court of Canada in January.

Representing himself, Little has argued that the Income Tax Act violates his freedom of conscience and religion by requiring him to fund a morally evil act.

He has been supported by Bishop Faber MacDonald, emeritus bishop for Saint John, who believes Little is justified in not paying his taxes as a conscientious objector to an unjust law.