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Anti-abortionist won't give up

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David Little refuses to give up.

The anti-abortion activist is appealing his convictions on income tax charges yet again, this time taking his arguments to the province's highest court.

Little, who used to live in Fredericton but now resides in Alberton, P.E.I., refuses to file his taxes because some federal funding spent in the health-care system is spent on abortions.

Little, who's a devout Roman Catholic, maintains that would violate his freedom of religion under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The 63-year-old was convicted in provincial court in the fall of 2007 of failing to file federal tax returns for 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Provincial court Judge Leslie Jackson fined Little \$1,000 for each infraction.

Little said he will never pay any fines or file his taxes again until abortion is outlawed.

He appealed those convictions to the Court of Queen's Bench, but Justice Hugh McLellan rejected his charter argument in October.

Little has since filed an appeal of McLellan's decision, and the appeal is scheduled to be heard by the New Brunswick Court of Appeal on April 29.

In his notice of appeal, Little argues that McLellan's decision was erroneous in law because McLellan didn't address his charter argument.

Little said that since Jackson found that Little held a sincere belief as part of his Roman Catholic faith, he should have ruled that sincere belief triggered action under Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and exempted him from filing taxes on religious grounds.

The notice of appeal states that McLellan "failed to address the issue in any way."

Little maintains that McLellan also failed to provide any reasons or grounds for his decision to uphold the convictions, adversely impacting Little's ability to form grounds for an appeal.

Furthermore, he argues that no person who properly considered the facts and case law he submitted could have reasonably reached a decision other than the one he sought: that forcing a Catholic to file taxes violates his freedom of religion.

Little's name arose in provincial court Wednesday as well, as that was the deadline for the payment of his fines.

While Little wasn't present in court for his default hearing, friend and fellow anti-abortionist Thaddee Renault appeared on his behalf.

Renault asked for an adjournment of the default hearing in light of Little's ongoing court actions.

The default hearing was adjourned to Sept. 25.

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Blah, blah, blah. What's next for Little after all his appeals have been refused or taken cared of... Bombs ? Drive by shootings ? Vociferous lines directed at those seeking or performing a termination ?

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