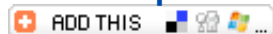




Pro-life pastor spends week in jail



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Pastor Walter Hoyo has spent a week in a California jail on charges related to his ministry at a Berkeley abortion clinic.

Hoyo was ordered to serve 30 days in jail and pay a \$1,000 fine after refusing the court's offer of probation. Catie Short of the [Life Legal Defense Foundation](#) explains that Hoyo declined probation because the court ordered him not to help women.

"He told the court that he would do his best to comply with the law," says Short. "It's not like he's saying, 'I'm going to go out there and violate the law. But in the meantime, I want to be able to go and offer alternatives to women who are considering abortion.'"

The judge ordered him to stay 100 yards away from the abortion clinic, which Short calls a severe restriction on free speech. She has also filed suit in federal court asking that the ordinance Hoyo violated be declared unconstitutional.



Short

"We are filing motions for summary judgment May 1, and they'll be heard on June 5, and we are very optimistic the court will find the law to be unconstitutional," she adds.

According to Short, Hoyo is spending his time behind bars talking to inmates about Jesus -- just as he did at the abortion clinics.

