

Tight-lipped bikers jailed for contempt

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia -- A Canadian judge in Vancouver slapped three members of the Hells Angels motorcycle club with jail terms Monday for refusing to testify against another biker. David Giles, 58, was charged with cocaine possession and being part of a criminal organization. However, British Columbia Supreme Court Justice Anne MacKenzie was forced to acquit him when the three witnesses appearing by a video link refused to testify, the Vancouver Sun said. "Contempt of court strikes at the heart of the law," MacKenzie said in her sentencing of the three. "No society can permit citizens to ignore the law." The sentences were for six, nine and 15 months, the report said. Two of Giles's co-accused were convicted of possession for the purpose of trafficking and trafficking cocaine and will be sentenced May 5, the newspaper said.

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