

Judge set to rule on fines in Hale's trademark case

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A federal judge said she could decide by the end of this week if she would order white supremacist Matthew Hale and some of his followers to pay a combined \$200,000 in sanctions for violating court orders in a trademark infringement lawsuit.

Despite renaming their cause the Creativity Movement, Hale's followers allegedly continue to violate a court injunction ordering them to stop using the name of the World Church of the Creator on their Web site and elsewhere.

A proposal made Tuesday by a lawyer for an Oregon church with a similar name that brought the suit against Hale asked that U.S. District Judge Joan Lefkow impose the sanctions on Hale and eight others. She hopes to rule by Friday.

Since January, Hale has been held without bond in a Chicago federal jail on criminal charges that he solicited the Lefkow's murder.

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