

Baker Faces Jail Time for Refusing to Bake Cake for Homosexual Wedding

A baker in Colorado is facing a possible jail sentence because he declined to make a cake for a gay wedding.

At the time of the incident last year, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation was a criminal offense in the state.

The lawyer for Christian baker Jack Phillips says, "The complainants can sue him civilly in the regular courts system or he can potentially be prosecuted by the district attorney for up to 12 months in jail."

Phillips, one of the owners of Masterpiece Cakeshop, says providing a cake for Dave Mullins and Charlie Craig went against his Christian beliefs about marriage.

Mullins and Craig took the baker to the Colorado Civil Rights Division (CCRD), which ruled that Phillips had broken the law, prompting the attorney general's office to file a complaint against the bakery.

The case is scheduled for a hearing in September before Colorado's Civil Rights Commission.

Gay marriage is not legal in the state, and the couple married in Massachusetts and then planned to celebrate in Colorado.

Earlier this year, a Christian florist received an arson threat for her stance against gay marriage. Barronelle Stutzman received hate mail as well as the threat to burn down her shop after she declined to provide flowers for a gay wedding.