

Judge grants extension in Liberty Dollar lawsuit U.S. attorney gets more time for response

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A federal magistrate in Indiana June 20 granted a second 30-day extension to allow the federal government more time to respond to a lawsuit filed by the issuer of a private currency that the United States Mint alleges is illegal to use.

The lawsuit seeks a ruling that circulation of the Liberty Dollar as "private voluntary barter currency" does not represent a federal crime as claimed by Mint officials.

U.S. Magistrate Judge William Hussman in Evansville gave Assistant U.S. Attorney Debra Richards until July 19 to file the government's response to the suit brought by Bernard von NotHaus, the architect for the Liberty Dollar.

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