

Canadian high court urges Internet control

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The Canadian Supreme Court is urging Parliament to pass clearer laws against Internet crime.

The recommendation came in the case of an Edmonton man charged with selling instructions to perpetrate credit card fraud on his Web site.

The ruling is one of the first from the court related to Internet crime and opens the door to further restrictions on the posting of information that could incite others to engage in illegal activity, such as bomb-making, the Toronto Globe and Mail reported.

"The Internet provides fertile ground for sowing the seeds of unlawful conduct on a borderless scale," said Justice Morris Fish on behalf of the court. Government officials said there is an urgent need for "an appropriate prophylactic response," Fish said, adding, "In my view, however, this task must be left to Parliament."

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