

'Dude Cigarette,' a man in love with marriage, gets community service

Bigamist had at least four wives

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A Lynchburg man known for dressing up like a cigarette as part of an anti-smoking crusade was sentenced Friday to 200 hours of community service for being married to more than one woman.

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee said Phillip Dale Williams, 37, had as many as four wives when he was arrested last year. Williams pleaded guilty in November to one bigamy charge.

Suspicion about Williams' multiple marriages were raised by Williams' fourth wife, Lashawn Stevenson, after child support notices arrived in the mail last year. Williams had told Stevenson their 2003

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Anti-smoking activist Phillip Dale Williams, here seen in character as 'Dude Cigarette,' was sentenced for bigamy Friday in Lynchburg.

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