CHILD SUPPORT EVADER WILLIAM SHEPHERD, JR.



Owes: \$30,062

Last Address: Garrison, TX Occupation: Truck Driver

Born: 01/09/61 Height: 5'11" Weight: 195

Color of Eyes: Green Color of Hair: Brown Race: Caucasian Marks: Scar on Head

Alias: John Shepherd, Jr., W.J. Shepherd, William John Shepherd

Attorney General Greg Abbott needs your help to find Child Support Evader William Shepherd Jr., one of the Most Wanted Child Support Evaders in Texas. Shepherd owes \$30,062 for one daughter from Nacogdoches, Texas. He was added to the Attorney General's Child Support Evader Top Ten list in March 2002, and has gone underground to elude officials and willfully avoid arrest.

When the parents divorced in 1981, Shepherd was ordered to make child support payments of \$75 per month. The Attorney General's Office obtained a \$9,400 judgment against Shepherd in 1994, for failing to pay regularly. Upon the Attorney General's recommendation, Shepherd also was found in contempt of court, and his monthly payments were increased to \$350, based on his income at the time. Shepherd continued to ignore the court's order to pay child support. When he failed to appear at an August 1996 court hearing to address his noncompliance, a warrant was issued for his arrest. Shepherd is avoiding law enforcement officers who seek to arrest him on the outstanding charges. Due to missed payments and interest that accrues on unpaid child support, Shepherd now owes more than \$30,000 in unpaid child support.

Shepherd is also wanted by the Nacogdoches County Probation Office for probation violations related to a felony indecency-with-a-child conviction.

Evader Shepherd may be hiding in Southeast Texas or in another state. He is most likely working for cash to avoid garnishment of wages to pay child support. If you have information about Shepherd's location, please contact the Attorney General's Office at 1-866-EVADERS (382-3377).

Child Support Evaders on the Top Ten list are being singled out because they have the ability to take responsibility for their children, but refuse to do so. Incarceration is the only option for parents who flagrantly ignore a court's order to pay child support. The Attorney General's Office helps parents who lack the ability to pay child support by referring them to job training and employment services.

Visit the agency's Web site www.oag.state.tx.us to find out about other Child Support Evaders, and to obtain information about the Attorney General's Child Support Division.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

CHILD SUPPORT EVADERS

Criteria for a parent to be named a Most Wanted Child Support Evader:

- Court-ordered delinquent support must be in excess of \$5,000
- Arrest warrant must have been issued for non-support
- Location of non-custodial parent is unknown
- Parent has not made any payments in the last six months
- Non-custodial parent must not be involved in bankruptcy proceedings
- Non-custodial parent must not be receiving welfare benefits

Because we must make Child Support information public, the custodial parent must sign a confidentiality waiver.

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