

Most Wanted Child Support Evaders



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Last month I visited five Texas cities to announce my new Top Ten List of Most Wanted Child Support Evaders. Delinquent parents on the Top Ten List have repeatedly failed to pay child support and have gone underground to avoid arrest. The parents from the most recent list owe a combined \$772,000 in past due child support. I am asking the public to call 1-866-EVADERS (382-3377) to report information that may lead to the arrests of:

- **Manuel Roman**, who owes \$153,849 for two children in Alamo;
- **Richard Gonzales**, who owes \$131,109 for two children in San Antonio;
- **Stephan Bolton**, who owes \$118,293 for one child in Wichita Falls;
- **Audrey Herman Fuery, Jr.**, who owes \$86,413 for three children in Kirby;
- **Jerry William Henry**, who owes \$58,414 for one child in Midland;
- **Reginald James Davison**, who owes \$51,167 for one child in Houston;
- **Thomas A. "Frosty" Freese**, who owes \$48,252 for two children in Austin;
- **Marc Monroe Huddleston**, who owes \$46,458 for two children in Victoria;
- **Jose Jesus Vasquez**, who owes \$43,861 for three children in Diboll; and
- **Jaime Ayala**, who owes \$34,621 for two children in El Paso. **(ARRESTED)**

During my travels, I had the privilege of meeting with three parents to whom the Evaders owe support. I admire the good job these mothers are doing to raise their children without assistance from the other parent. However,

they made it clear that life is much easier for children when both the mother and father participate in their upbringing. One mother works two full-time jobs just to make ends meet. What a difference regular child support would make for her and her children.

That is why it is so crucial that the public contact my office with any information that could lead to the location and arrest of these Child Support Evaders. It is only right that they be held accountable for not only breaking the law, but also for violating a sacred trust that should be every child's birthright. Please visit the Attorney General's main Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us to view photos and specific information about individual Evaders.

For a parent to be named a Most Wanted Child Support Evader, court-ordered delinquent support must be in excess of \$5,000 and a civil or criminal arrest warrant must have been issued. The location of the parent is unknown and the parent has not made any payments in the last six months. In addition, the parent must not be involved in bankruptcy proceedings or receiving welfare benefits. To make information public, the parent who has custody of the children must sign a confidentiality waiver.

The Attorney General's Office works with local law enforcement to arrest and incarcerate parents who are delinquent in their child support payments. They face jail time and monetary penalties for failing to pay child support.

The 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.

A total of 30 Evaders have been brought to justice since I took office.

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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