



CHILD SUPPORT EVADER JOHN TIJERINA

by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott

ATTORNEY GENERAL GREG ABBOTT needs your help locating Child Support Evader John Tijerina, one of the Most Wanted Child Support Evaders in Texas. Tijerina, who was added to the Child Support Evaders list in April 2008, owes \$22,243 for the care of two young children living with their mother in Plainview.



In June 2000, Tijerina was ordered to pay \$165 a month in child support. Tijerina, who had the ability to make his payments, did not follow the judges order to support his children financially.

By 2003, he owed more than \$6,000 in unpaid child support. An arrest warrant was issued in 2005 after Tijerina, who was given many opportunities to pay what he owed, failed to report to jail to begin serving a 180-day sentence. By that time, his child support debt had grown to \$10,000.

Tijerna has not made a single child support payment in four years. By refusing to provide the financial resources his children need, Tijerina has turned his back on them and violated the law. A combination of missed payments and interest that accrues on unpaid child support adds up to more than \$22,000 in unpaid child support Tijerina now owes.

Investigators from the Office of the Attorney General have searched the state for Tijerina, who may be living in Kress, a small town between Plainview and Tulia in the Texas Panhandle. He could be working for cash to avoid garnishment of wages to pay child support. Contact the Attorney General's Office at (866) EVADERS (382-3377) to report information that may lead to the arrest of John Tijerina.

Last AddressKress, TX
Occupation.....General Laborer
Born.....07/22/77

Height5'6"
Weight 165
Color of Eyes..... Brown
Color of Hair..... Brown
RaceHispanic
TattoosBar code tattoo on the back of the neck.

The Child Support Evaders 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 courts 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 at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov to find out about other Child Support Evaders, and to obtain information about the Attorney Generals Child Support Division.

POINTS TO REMEMBER



MOST WANTED EVADERS

For a parent to be named as 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

In order to make child support information public, the custodial parent must sign a confidentiality waiver.

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