

## CHILD SUPPORT EVADER RONNIE LYNN LAWSON

by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott

ATTORNEY GENERAL GREG ABBOTT needs your help to find Child Support Evader Ronnie Lynn Lawson, one of the



Most Wanted Child Support Evaders in Texas. Lawson, who was named a Child Support Evader in January 2006, owes \$15,052 for the care of a son. Lawson has

turned his back on his child by going underground to elude officials and is willfully avoiding arrest.

When Lawson and the children's mother divorced in 1988, he was ordered to pay \$170 a month in child support. He did not follow the order and by 1994 owed almost \$2,000 in unpaid child support. Lawson was given many opportunities to catch up on his payments, but refused to do so. In May

2003, an enforcement hearing was held and Lawson was found to be more than \$8,000 behind in payments. Lawson was committed to jail and later released and placed on probation. When Lawson did not appear at an April 2004 court hearing, an arrest warrant was issued.

Due to missed payments and interest that accrues on unpaid child support, Lawson now owes more than \$15,000 in unpaid child support.

Law enforcement and investigators from the Attorney General's Office continue to search the state for Lawson. Contact the Attorney General's Office at 1-866-EVADERS (382-3377) to report information that may lead to the arrest of Ronnie Lynn Lawson.

Height:	6'3"
Weight:	180 lbs.
Color of Eyes:	Brown
Color of Hair:	Black
Race:	African American
Alias:	N/A

Child Support Evaders are 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 website at <a href="https://www.oag.state.tx.us">www.oag.state.tx.us</a> to find out about other Child Support Evaders, and to obtain information about the Attorney General's Child Support Division.

## **POINTS TO REMEMBER**



CRITERIA: 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

Because we must make child support information public, the custodial parent must sign a confidentiality waiver.

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