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Big Lake Father Indicted for Failure to Pay Child Support

On April 25, 2013, an investigation conducted by the State of Alaska, Department of Revenue Criminal Investigations Unit, resulted in a Palmer Grand Jury indictment for 34 year-old John E. Rhodes III of Big Lake on four counts of felony criminal nonsupport. The indictment stems from Mr. Rhodes III's failure to pay child support for a child he fathered. Mr. Rhodes is alleged to owe more than \$20,000.00 in child support and to have not made a child support payment in more than 24 months on 3 separate occasions.

The indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mr. Rhodes III faces a sentence of up to five years in prison and a fine of \$50,000 if convicted. Sentencing is based on the judge's view of the seriousness of the crime and the offender's criminal history, if any.

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