



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Child Deserption Unit  
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Case Submission Form

Please complete all questions on the form before submitting your case for review. Incomplete forms may result in a significant delay in the review of your case for potential prosecution. Answer the questions as completely as possible and return the form to us at the address provided above.

This form is for use in submitting a case for review for possible criminal prosecution. Requests for assistance in collecting child support should be submitted to the Mississippi Department of Human Services.

I. Information About the Custodial Parent / Guardian

Name: first John middle Michael last WARREN

List any other names you have used: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: HATTIESBURG, MS, 39402

Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: 601-408-2399

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

What County do you live in? LAMAR

How long have you been a resident of that county? 6 years + 5 months

Does the child/children currently live with you? Yes

If not with you, where does child live? \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only Received: 12/14/13

**2. Information about the Child/Children**

Name: first [redacted] middle [redacted] last [redacted]  
Address: [redacted]  
City, State, Zip: Hattiesburg, MS, 39402  
Social Security Number: [redacted] Date of Birth: [redacted]  
Place of Birth (City, State, County): Covington, LA - Tangipahoa Parish

Name: first \_\_\_\_\_ middle \_\_\_\_\_ last \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth (City, State, County): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: first \_\_\_\_\_ middle \_\_\_\_\_ last \_\_\_\_\_  
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Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth (City, State, County): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth (City, State, County): \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Information about the Non-Custodial Parent**

Name: first [redacted] middle [redacted] last WARREN  
List any other names he/she may have used: [redacted]  
Physical Address: [redacted]  
City, State, Zip: Hattiesburg, MS, 39401  
Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: [redacted] Cell Phone: [redacted]  
Email Address: [redacted] (see below)  
Social Security Number: [redacted] Date of Birth: [redacted]  
Race: W  
Employer: SELF  
Employer's Address: [redacted]  
City, State, Zip: Hattiesburg, MS, 39401 | Hattiesburg, MS, 39401  
Work Phone: [redacted]

MS, Driver's License # [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

**4. Information about Marriage, Divorce, and Support**

Date of Marriage: 3-31-1997  
Place of Marriage (City, State, County): Hattiesburg, MS - Forrest  
Date of Separation: 5-2004 6/2004  
Date of Divorce: 2-25-2008  
Place of Divorce (City, State, County): Hattiesburg, MS - Forrest  
Cause Number: [REDACTED]

If parents were not married, please provide information about the Child Support Order:

Date issued: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cause Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Terms of the Divorce Decree / Child Support Order**

Specifically describe what the Non-Custodial Parent is obligated to do (child support payments, medical coverage, visitation, etc.) under the terms of the divorce decree / child support order.

1/4 of UNINSURED MEDICAL EXPENSES TO BE PAID WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS.  
\$ 300.00/month - plus \$ 200.00 AS ORDERED ON 6/3/2013  
- EVERY OTHER WEEKEND AND MOST OF SUMMER BREAK

**6. Support Payments Made by the Non-Custodial Parent**

How much does the Non-Custodial Parent owe in unpaid child support for the child/children on this form? \$ 12,757.98 AS OF 12/7/2015

List the dates that the Non-Custodial Parent provided financial support (child support payments) to the children. Also list any gifts (ex. birthday, holiday) that were given to the children.

<u>3/30/2015</u>	<u>→ \$ 40.00</u>	<u>3/3/2009</u>	<u>→ \$ 12.00<sup>add</sup></u>
<u>11/21/2013</u>	<u>→ \$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>12/7/2009</u>	<u>→ \$ 850.00</u>
<u>3/26/2008</u>	<u>→ \$ 250.00</u>		
<u>4/25/2008</u>	<u>→ \$ 500.00</u>		

Did the Non-Custodial Parent attend the child's school programs, church programs, or athletic events? yes

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**7. Residency of the Children**

Please provide the addresses where you and your child/children have lived since the divorce (or since the time child support was ordered) and the dates of such residency.

Dates	Address
	[REDACTED] Hattiesburg MS 39402

Has your child/children ever lived with anyone other than you? If so, please provide the name and address of the person(s) with whom your child lived with, the dates they lived with this person(s), and an explanation of why your child lived with this person(s).

Dates	Name, Address, Explanation
<u>N/A</u>	

Has your child/children ever lived with the Non-Custodial Parent? If so, please provide the time period during which they lived with the Non-Custodial Parent, and an explanation of why the child lived with the Non-Custodial Parent.

Dates	Explanation
	Some during court before final divorce and orders by Judge

**8. Attempts to Collect Child Support**

Did you ever seek the assistance of the Mississippi Department of Human Services (DHS) in attempting to collect child support payments? If so, please provide the county in which you resided at the time you sought the assistance of DHS. Also, please provide the DHS case number assigned to you, and the name of your DHS case worker.

DHS Case Number: [REDACTED]  
DHS Case Worker: Lakeisha Dillon - Columbia, MS, office  
County: Lamar

When did you first contact DHS about helping you with your case?  
Date: 8/2012

Did you ever retain the services of a private attorney to assist you in attempting to collect child support payments? If so, please provide the name, firm's name, address, and phone number of your attorney. Also, provide the dates that you retained the attorney.

Name: William L. Peables  
Firm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 307 3rd Ave  
City, State, Zip: Hartsville, MS, 39401  
Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: 601-544-6261  
Dates Retained: 7/2008 - 5/2013

To your knowledge, has the Non-Custodial Parent's Drivers' License ever been suspended due to the non-payment of child support?  
Yes or No Yes If Yes, when and what state: 10/2014 - MS

MS DL # 800298064

**9. Employment History for the Non-Custodial Parent**

*still suspended -*

Please provide as much information as possible concerning various jobs or places where the Non-Custodial Parent has been employed. Provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all former employers for the Non-Custodial Parent.

**\*\*\* IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TRY TO REMEMBER ALL EMPLOYERS! \*\*\***  
If you need space to list more employers, please copy the next page as needed and attach it to your Case Submission Form.

\* [REDACTED], WARREN HAS reported working for 33 different companies since 2005.

Employer Name: [REDACTED] - Self Employed  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City, State, Zip: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
Approximate Dates of Employment: [REDACTED]  
Type of Work: [REDACTED]

Employer Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City, State, Zip: [REDACTED] Hattiesburg, MS. 39402  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
Approximate Dates of Employment: 14/2012 - 5/2013  
Type of Work: Account Executive & Sales

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Employment History for the Custodial Parent**

Please describe your employment since the divorce/separation, providing the names and contact information for your employers. Include your **CURRENT** employer.

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
Salary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
Salary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Type of Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
Salary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_



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**11. Governmental Assistance Provided to the Child**

Please list any governmental assistance that your child/children may have received (examples: health insurance with the CHIPS program, Medicaid benefits, etc.).

NONE

**12. Community Assistance Provided to the Child**

Please list any community assistance that your child/children may have received (examples: church support, community outreach, shelters, etc.).

NONE

**13. Special Needs of the Child**

Please describe any special medical attention, or other required attention, that the child has not received (or has not adequately received) due to the Non-Custodial Parent's lack of support.

NONE

**14. Hardship Placed on the Custodial Parent Due to the Non-Support**

Briefly summarize what hardships the custodial parent has endured due to the failure of the Non-Custodial Parent to provide emotional and financial support for the child/children.

— Borrowed monies from fiancée  
— Emotional stress on me as a male and the fact that non-custodial parent has always said she will pay her obligations.  
— I have seen \$800-<sup>8</sup>1,000<sup>00</sup> owed child support resulted in incarcerations, — this is frustrating and provides stress on my family —



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**15. General Neglect and Abandonment of the Child**

Briefly summarize any neglect or abandonment due the failure of the Non-Custodial Parent to provide emotional and financial support for the child/children. What effect has that had on the child/children?

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When was the last time the Non-Custodial Parent exercised visitation and spent time with the child/children? Approximately how often does the Non-Custodial Parent visit the child/children?

*follows court order.*

INDICTMENT

NON-SUPPORT OF A CHILD § 97-5-3

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF LAMAR

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VS.

No. 37:17CR180

**[REDACTED]** WARREN

In the Circuit Court of Lamar County, at the May 2017 term.

THE GRAND JURORS of the State of Mississippi, taken from the body of the good and lawful persons of said County, duly elected, empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire in and for the body of the county aforesaid, at the term aforesaid of the Court aforesaid, in the name and by the authority of the State of Mississippi, upon their oaths present:

COUNT I

that **[REDACTED]** WARREN, on or about and between March 1, 2008, and February 22, 2017, in Lamar County, Mississippi did willfully neglect or refuse to provide for the support and maintenance of her child, **[REDACTED]**, a child under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, in violation of Mississippi Code Annotated § 97-5-3 (1972), as amended, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi.

Endorsed: A True Bill

*[Signature]*  
Grand Jury Foreman

*[Signature]*  
Special Assistant Attorney General

AFFIDAVIT

COMES NOW the undersigned Foreperson of the Grand Jury and makes oath that this indictment presented to this Court was concurred in by twelve (12) or more members of the Grand Jury and that at least fifteen (15) members of the Grand Jury were present during all deliberations.

*[Signature]*  
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY  
19th June 2017

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this, the 19th day of June, 2017.

MARTIN HANKINS, CIRCUIT CLERK

BY: *[Signature]*

**FILED**

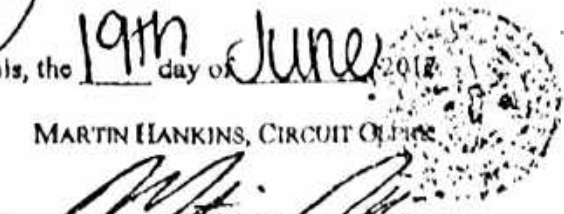
LAMAR COUNTY JUN 19 2017 CIRCUIT CLERK

*[Signature]*

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

This 19th day of June, 2017  
Martin Hankins,  
Lamar County

By: *[Signature]*



IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

JOHN MICHAEL WARREN, )  
 ) PLAINTIFF/RESPONDENT/ )  
 ) COUNTER-PETITIONER ) CASE  
VERSUS ) ) NUMBER  
 ) DEFENDANT/PETITIONER/ ) 06-0514-GN-W  
 ) COUNTER-RESPONDENT )  
 [REDACTED] WARREN, FEB 12 2018

*Amy C. Howlett*  
Chancery Clerk

THIS CAUSE is before the Court on petitions filed by [REDACTED] Warren (hereinafter "Wife") and John Michael Warren (hereinafter "Husband") seeking clarification and correction, on amended petition, and on answer and cross-petition of Husband, and the parties being before the Court and being represented by counsel, and having entered into settlement negotiations and having presented a proposed settlement agreement for consideration by the Court; and the Court, being fully informed in the premises, does hereby find as follows:

1. The parties were divorced each from the other in 2008; and thereafter, the child of the parties, [REDACTED], resided with Husband until December, 2016, at which time the minor child moved into the home of Wife.
2. The Court further finds that Wife failed to pay court-ordered child support to Husband in the amount of \$11,315.98 through November, 2016.
3. The Court further finds that beginning December, 2016, and continuing through the present, neither party called the change in residence of the minor to the Court's attention and no change in the child's living arrangements or child support was ordered.
4. The Court further finds that the minor child is a student at [REDACTED] and intends to [REDACTED] within the next three years after completion of her [REDACTED]

HAVING CONSIDERED THE MATTER, the Court, therefore, finds, adjudicates, and

orders the following:

I.

Husband shall pay to Wife for the fourteen months beginning December, 2016, the sum of \$1,800.00 per month and that Husband shall be given credit for the \$11,315.98 that Wife is in arrears, leaving Husband in debt to Wife in the amount of \$13,984.02. The sum of \$13,984.02 shall be repaid by Husband to Wife at the rate of \$200.00 per month beginning February 1, 2018, and the Court specifically adjudicates that Wife does not owe any back child support to Husband.

II.

Beginning February 1, 2018, Husband shall pay to Wife through the office of the Chancery Clerk of Forrest County, Mississippi, child support in the amount of \$1,800.00 per month in addition to repayment of the outstanding obligation of Husband to Wife. In addition, Husband shall keep the minor child of the parties insured for health coverage through his insurance. Husband and Wife shall equally bear any medical or dental expenses of the minor not covered by Husband's health insurance. In addition, Husband shall pay directly to the involved institution of higher learning all tuition and other expenses assessed by the institution that are required to attend the course of study selected by the minor child at an in-state, stated-supported institution of higher learning for a period of three years commencing at the conclusion of [REDACTED] school year as long as the minor child maintains a "C" average.

III.

Wife is ordered to do all within her power to assist [REDACTED] in obtaining financial aid for her education to include applying for grants and scholarships and, to the extent possible and legal, shall only make use as a basis for application her income as opposed to that of Husband. She is further ordered to keep Husband advised of her efforts and he, in turn, will call to her attention any opportunities for the minor to obtain financial assistance known to him.

IV.

Having adjudicated that the Wife does not owe any outstanding child support, the Court finds that Wife is entitled to have her driver's license privileges restored to her.

V.

Each party shall pay his or her costs to include attorney fees.

VI.

Husband is entitled to claim the minor child of the parties as a dependent on federal and state income tax returns.

VII.

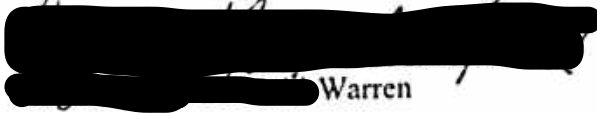
The parties, through their attorneys, have dictated into the Court record their understanding of the above, and the Court finds and adjudges that the proposed settlement is reasonable and in the best interest of all parties to include the minor child, and the parties are ordered to comply with the terms set forth above.

SO ORDERED on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D., 2018.

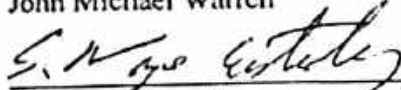
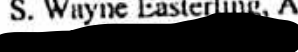
APPROVED AND AGREED TO:

  
CHANCELLOR

John Michael Warren

 Warren WJ

William C. Peebles, Attorney for  
John Michael Warren

  
S. Wayne Easterling, Attorney for  
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
JOHN MICHAEL WARREN PLAINTIFF  
VS. CAUSE NO. 18CH1:06-cv-00514-W  
[REDACTED] WARREN DEFENDANT

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THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS HAD IN  
THE ABOVE STYLED AND NUMBERED CAUSE BEFORE  
HONORABLE JOHNNY L. WILLIAMS,  
JUDGE OF THE TENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT,  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, ON JANUARY 24, 2018

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APPEARANCES:

REPRESENTING THE PLAINTIFF:  
WILLIAM L. PEEBLES, ESQUIRE  
307 3RD AVENUE  
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI 39401

REPRESENTING THE DEFENDANT:  
S. WAYNE EASTERLING, ESQUIRE  
[REDACTED]  
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI 39401

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REPORTED BY: LISA M. LADNER  
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER  
34 EMILE DAVIS ROAD  
POPLARVILLE, MISSISSIPPI 39470  
(601) 916-7016

1 MR. EASTERLING: Judge Williams, the  
2 parties here have been engaged in good faith  
3 negotiations; and [REDACTED] Warren and Michael Warren  
4 and attorney Billy Peebles, who represents Michael  
5 Warren, and myself, Wayne Easterling, who  
6 represents [REDACTED], would now like to present to the  
7 judge -- to the Court for your consideration a  
8 proposed settlement of all matters before the  
9 Court.

10 And with permission of the Court, I will  
11 dictate in the presence of Billy and Mr. Warren my  
12 understanding of the settlement, and they can  
13 correct me if I misstate it correctly.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 MR. EASTERLING: The parties hereto  
16 agree that beginning in -- on December 5, 2016,  
17 the minor child of the parties changed her  
18 residence from the residence of Mr. Warren to that  
19 of Ms. Warren. No child support during that  
20 period from December - December until today has  
21 been paid to Ms. Warron, although Mr. Warren has  
22 paid certain incidental expenses of the girl. We  
23 agree that during this period from December  
24 through the present, which is, I believe,  
25 March 24 - excuse me, January 24 -- that



1 Mr. Warren should pay \$1,800 per month in child  
2 support.

3 In addition, we agree that [REDACTED] Warren has  
4 been derelict -- has failed to pay court ordered  
5 child support in the amount of \$11,315.98 and that  
6 Mr. Warren is entitled to a credit in this amount  
7 for that which -- all the year of 2016. For 2016,  
8 December, through the present. So whatever the  
9 \$1,800 a month for that approximately 14 months  
10 should -- there should be subtracted from the --  
11 from the \$1,800 a month that he owes. And we are  
12 agreeable that Mr. Warren can pay the sum  
13 remaining, which I believe would be \$13,984.02, in  
14 any manner that he chooses to pay as long as it is  
15 an agreed amount. Maybe \$2,000 a month. Whatever  
16 your -- I mean --

17 MR. PEEBLES: 200 extra.

18 MR. EASTERLING: -- 200 extra or however  
19 you want. Do you have any preference?

20 MR. WARREN: 1,800 plus the 200 arrears.

21 MR. EASTERLING: 1,800.

22 MR. WARREN: 1,800 with 200 going to  
23 arrears.

24 MR. EASTERLING: Going to arrears.

25 MR. WARREN: Yes.

1 THE COURT: And in addition to that,  
2 beginning with the next semester after the  
3 existing one -- after the semester that began in  
4 January of 2018, which will be paid by Ms. Warren,  
5 Mr. Warren will assume and pay all costs  
6 identified with her attending [REDACTED] for  
7 four years beginning with when she first enrolled  
8 at the [REDACTED]. That was basically after  
9 the end of this semester. Mr. Warren will pay all  
10 tuition expenses and college expenses for three  
11 additional years after the existing semester.

12 In turn, Ms. Warren agrees that she will do  
13 all within her power to obtain grants,  
14 scholarships, or any other financial assistance  
15 that will be available to the minor child. She  
16 will discuss these with Mr. Warren. She will  
17 solicit his input, and she will follow his  
18 directions in assisting -- in attempting to obtain  
19 this tuition -- this financial assistance.

20 When the child reaches 21, the \$1,800 a month  
21 obligation to pay child support will end, but  
22 Mr. Warren does agree to pay college expenses  
23 subsequent -- well, for a total of four years  
24 beginning when she first entered school which, I  
25 believe, will be basically [REDACTED] years after

1 the end of this semester.

2 Mr. Warren will keep the child on the -- his  
3 health plan, and the parties agree that any  
4 medical bills not covered by his health insurance  
5 will be split equally between the parties. In  
6 order to qualify to continue to require payment of  
7 the college-related expenses, it is necessary that  
8 [REDACTED] the minor child of the parties, maintain an  
9 overall C average.

10 MR. PEEBLES: And may I add one thing?  
11 With all the assistance, it is my understanding  
12 that if AFSA --

13 MR. WARREN: FAFSA.

14 MR. PEEBLES: She needs to apply for  
15 that, if she can, based on her income, as we  
16 discussed about the application. We don't know  
17 what it says. She is to apply under her income.  
18 If it requires his, we can't do much about that.  
19 We want it based on that because we think she will  
20 qualify.

21 MR. EASTERLING: We will do our best.  
22 Ms. Warren will do her best to apply for this  
23 financial assistance based upon her income only,  
24 but if the requirement is after discussion with  
25 Mr. Warren that his income be considered beyond

1 her control, that requirement does not apply.

2 THE COURT: Did you all want to specify  
3 that these college payments will go to a state  
4 established institution?

5 MR. PEEBLES: In-state school.

6 THE COURT: In-state. Because that way  
7 you would be able to control it better, I believe.

8 MR. EASTERLING: We have no problem with  
9 that. We will agree that the requirement will be  
10 an in-state institute of higher learning.

11 THE COURT: In-state -- state  
12 institution.

13 MR. EASTERLING: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: Could be Millsaps. If you  
15 don't make that clear --

16 MR. EASTERLING: We will make that  
17 clear, Your Honor.

18 MR. PEEBLES: One other thing on the  
19 child support. Mr. Easterling says it goes to 21,  
20 which is correct. There are a few other ways a  
21 child gets emancipated, so 21 or until the child  
22 is emancipated.

23 THE COURT: You can say otherwise. That  
24 is fine.

25 MR. PEEBLES: He gets to have access to

1 all the records and school and grades and courses  
2 and what is required because expenses that he is  
3 obligated to pay is -- if the school requires like  
4 a laptop or some equipment for a particular class,  
5 if it is required by the school, then he will be  
6 responsible for that.

7 The only other thing I can think of is that  
8 we each had asked for attorney fees, and we are  
9 each waiving the request for attorney fees.

10 MR. EASTERLING: That is correct.

11 MR. PEBBLES: And I can't think of  
12 anything else.

13 MR. EASTERLING: There is a possibility  
14 that I have omitted something because I'm old and  
15 forgetful, Your Honor, but we will --

16 (WHEREUPON, a discussion was held off the record.)

17 THE COURT: Which one of you are going  
18 to draft it? Why don't you draft it, send it to  
19 Billy, and it would be good if you can get your  
20 clients to sign also. Let them read it and sign  
21 it as well.

22 MR. EASTERLING: One other thing I would  
23 like to put in with no objection. I would like  
24 the Court to adjudicate that she has met all  
25 requirements upon execution of this judgment for

1 Your Honor.

2 One thing that I didn't add in, but we talked  
3 about it. That was that her failure to submit all  
4 the applications for aid and everything would  
5 forfeit him having to pay.

6 MR. EASTERLING: I think the way to  
7 handle that is if he knows of anything -- I mean,  
8 I don't want to say that if something slips  
9 through the crack and -- if he -- if he knows of  
10 anything, he can bring it to her attention. I  
11 don't want it to say that if she inadvertently let  
12 something slip through that she doesn't know  
13 about -- I don't want that --

14 THE COURT: Why don't you put that in  
15 there in a neutral way where she is obligated to  
16 pursue that, but don't say that it is forfeited  
17 because I think y'all are going to have to come  
18 back to court if you are going to -- because this  
19 belongs to the child. It doesn't belong to her.

20 All right. Thank you.

21 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were concluded.)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LAMAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

VS.

CAUSE NO. 37:17CR180

**[REDACTED]** WARREN

DEFENDANT

ORDER TO REMAND TO FILES

COMES NOW, the State of Mississippi, by and through the Office of the Attorney General, and moves the Court to enter a Remand Order in the above - styled and numbered cause, and the Court, being fully advised in the premises, is of the opinion that said Motion should be sustained, based upon the following, to-wit:

- 1) On June 19, 2017, an Indictment was filed against the defendant, **[REDACTED]** Warren, charging her with failure to pay child support.
- 2) Subsequent to the Indictment, on February 12, 2018, an Order was entered in the Chancery Court of Forrest County, Cause No. 06-0514-GN-W, adjudicating that the defendant, **[REDACTED]** Warren, does not currently owe any outstanding child support. A copy of the Order is attached to the instant Order to Remand to Files.
- 3) Based upon the Court's ruling, the State is unable at this time to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant committed the crime of non-support of a child.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a Remand be and the same is hereby entered in this cause.

SO ORDERED this the 7 day of March 2018.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

**FILED**

LAMAR COUNTY MAR 14 2018 CIRCUIT CLERK

*[Handwritten Signature]*

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of Mar 2018  
Martin Hankins, Circuit Clerk  
Lamar County, Mississippi

By Tom Sellers, C.C.







## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I LIVE IN ANOTHER STATE CAN YOU TAKE MY CASE?  
We may be able to prosecute your case if the suspect (non-custodial parent) lives in Mississippi and/or if the support order is a Mississippi order. The State of Mississippi must have jurisdiction. If you have a difficult interstate case with a large arrearage, you may want to seek federal prosecution.

WHAT IS THE AGE LIMIT OF THE CHILD FOR YOUR OFFICE TO CONSIDER A CASE FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION?  
The Non-Support of a Child statute limits cases to children 18 and under. (Mississippi Code Annotated § 97-5-3)

IN ADDITION TO THE CASE SUBMISSION FORM, WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED FROM ME?

Gather all necessary information to make a case against the non-custodial parent, including, but not limited to: birth certificates, paternity papers, divorce decrees, modifications in the case involving the minor child/children, child support withholding orders, and an affidavit

## CASE REVIEWED

To have your case reviewed for possible prosecution, visit [www.agjimhood.com](http://www.agjimhood.com)

Submit a form online or by mail. Visit the Child Desertion Unit page (located under the 'Families' tab on the site).

Forms submitted by mail should be sent to:

Child Desertion Unit  
P.O. Box 220  
Jackson, MS 39205

## CHILD

## DESERTION

## UNIT

ENSURING SUPPORT FOR OUR CHILDREN



ATTORNEY GENERAL  
**JIM HOOD**  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI





WHO WE REQUIRE...

WHAT WE REQUIRE...

The Child Desertion Unit is dedicated to the criminal prosecution of delinquent child support cases, addressing the chronic and persistent issue of parents not providing emotional and monetary support for their children.

The unit investigates and prosecutes cases where great efforts have been made in exhaustion of all other remedies, willful non-payment is evident, and criminal prosecution will send a strong message to other non-custodial parents that enforcement of support obligations is a priority in Mississippi.

The Child Desertion Unit has specific criteria that each case must meet in order to be considered for criminal prosecution:

- At least \$10,000 in arrears OR years without voluntary payment
- Exhausted all chancery court remedies, such as:
  - Multiple orders of contempt
  - Incarceration
  - License Suspension
  - IRS intercepts
- Non-custodial parent has the ability to pay but simply refuses:
  - Employment verified
  - History of quitting jobs to avoid withholding of support

HOW DO I SUBMIT A CASE TO THE CHILD DESERTION UNIT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE?  
Complete and mail in a Case Submission Form which can be found online. After reviewing your case, our office may decide that criminal prosecution is appropriate. However, please remember that submitting a Case Submission Form does not guarantee that our office will be able to prosecute your case.

IF I NEED HELP COLLECTING CHILD SUPPORT, WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?  
The Attorney General's Office does not collect child support. Please contact the Department of Human Services or a private attorney to help with child support collection matters.

WHO HAS AUTHORITY OVER THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES?  
The Governor of Mississippi has authority over the Department of Human Services. The Attorney General has no authority over the Department of Human Services. The Attorney General's Office does not collect child support.

WHAT IS THE CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT FOR BEING CONVICTED OF NON-SUPPORT OF A CHILD?  
This crime is a felony. If convicted of a first offense, the fine ranges from \$100 to \$500 or a commitment of up to five years in prison or a commitment of the MS Department of Corrections. A second or subsequent offense carries a fine between \$1,000 and \$10,000, or a two to five year commitment to MDOC, or both, at the court's discretion.