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Parent Convicted for Failure to Support Child

(Woodland, CA) – Today, Department of Child Support Services Director Mark Jones announced that Shawn N. Ruiz, aged 38, plead no contest to one count of Penal Code section 270, a misdemeanor, failing to provide for his children by not paying his court ordered child support.

As part of the plea, Ruiz was sentenced by Judge Paul Richardson to 30 days county jail, three 3 years probation and an order to pay his court-ordered support as a condition of probation. Ruiz was originally charged with three 3 separate counts of criminal charges. Two of these counts were dismissed in exchange for the plea.

“We encourage parents who owe child support to come and see us so we can make arrangements to avoid the filing of criminal charges,” said Child Support Attorney Colin Anderson who handled the case. “We have programs to get their driver's license back, reduce the amount owed and even modify the order of support. However, we stand ready to prosecute anyone who ignores their obligation to support their child.”

The Yolo County Department of Child Support Services, located at 100 West Court Street in Woodland, serves more than 12,000 children, most of whom live in Yolo County. The department provides free services to custodial and non-custodial parents to: assist in establishing paternity; obtaining or modifying child support or medical support orders; locating absent parents; and collecting child support payments, including back support payments. The Yolo County Department of Child Support Services can be reached at 866-901-3212.

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