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Parent Sentenced to 180 Days for Failure to Pay Child Support

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Department of Child Support Services Director Mark Jones today announced that on November 22, Roger Lon Cox, aged 44 of Napa, California was sentenced to 180 days in county jail by Yolo Superior Court Judge Arvid Johnson for failure to pay child support. The sentence was a result of a felony violation of probation for failing to pay his court-ordered child support for his child who lives in Yolo County.

The violation of probation hearing was held on March 29, 2010 in front of Yolo Superior Court Judge Kathleen White where Cox was found to have violated the conditions of his probation. Sentencing was put off until November 1, 2010 for Cox to make payments on his monthly child support and child support arrears. Cox failed to make any payments after May 2010 and failed to appear at the sentencing hearing. Subsequently, a no bail bench warrant was issued by the court. Cox surrendered on November 4 and was remanded to serve his six month sentence on November 22. The judge also admonished Cox to make his court-ordered child support payments (\$290 per month) upon release.

The case was prosecuted by Yolo County Child Support Services Attorney Colin Anderson who stated, "Mr. Cox is an example of what can happen when an individual ignores his or her responsibilities and fails to pay child support."

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.

For more information on this case, contact Colin Anderson, Yolo County Child Support Services Attorney at (530) 661-2810.