

# Thomas Blackshear's Book "The Child Support Felon" Offers an Alternative Solution for Child Support Reform

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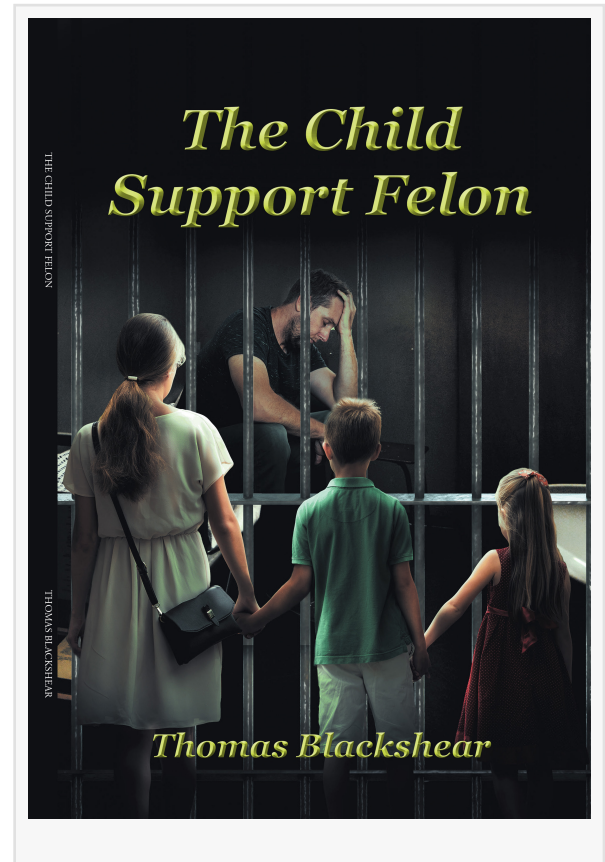
/EINPresswire.com/ -- The current systems for establishing child support payments by most states are broken. They often fail to ensure that the child receives the support they need and often places an extraordinary burden on the noncustodial parent. In his book, "The Child Support Felon", Thomas Blackshear shares his harrowing child support experience to bring attention to the inadequate structure of the system, which according to a [study](#) by the University of Texas- Austin, imprisons more than 1.5 million noncustodial parents. However, Blackshear does not simply point out the system's failures, he offers a reasonable alternative to the current system that defines responsibility for the custodial and noncustodial parents, to which an accurate value can be assessed and can be implemented nationwide.

While my situation was unique, it is a story that reflects what many parents go through when dealing with certain courts around the country. Child support is not universal from state to state, and different guidelines produce different results on how the child is to be taken care of.

But the main conflict revolves around how much should be paid in support based on the parents' income. I offer a resolution that assigns responsibility for raising the child based on the child's needs throughout their growth until adulthood. These responsibilities are divided into two categories: custodial and noncustodial. I also believe this creates a guideline that can be used by any state, creating a uniform system of child care nationwide that is beneficial to the children.

## Reader Reviews

"The author does a wonderful job of telling his experience with the "system", which impacted not only his life but the lives of others connected to him. He openly shares the drama, heartbreak,



and tribulation of his ordeal. And he shares a real resolution to help others avoid a similar situation. Well worth reading."

"I found this to be an excellent book for anyone who is navigating the child support/visitation system. It is clearly and concisely written, even giving readers a short primer on the consequences of getting caught up in the system; i.e., what to expect if jailed or imprisoned. It also offers a solution to the sometimes unfair legalities of noncustodial parenthood."

Readers who wish to experience this poignant work can purchase "The Child Support Felon" at bookstores everywhere, or online at the Apple iBooks Store, Amazon, or Barnes and Noble.

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This book is about my experience with the child support system in Ohio and how I met many obstacles dealing with the mother and the court system. It covers a fifteen-year battle with the mother and how it affected my family and my children's lives. Imagine being ordered to pay \$1,200 a month for two children out of a monthly salary of \$2,100 when you already are caring for an older child. Well that is what happened to me.

I write about the key points throughout the process where I defy and then try to cooperate with the court, which led to my being charged with a felony for nonpayment and then imprisonment after a plea agreement had been reached, which the court did not honor. I talk about my time in prison and some of how the system works. I also detail how this affected my children, who were trying to establish a relationship with me before and after I got out of prison.

At the end of the book, I write a proposal to change the child support system from one that is punitive to one that is a cooperation between parents that can eliminate the court completely based on what I tried to establish in my relationship with the mother. I offer a plan that will hopefully bring fathers back into their children's lives by presenting a solution that is focused on the child instead of being punitive to a parent.

This book is needed now because not only does it affect the people of lower income like myself, but I often hear rich celebrities complain about how the child support system needs to be changed. The object of the book is not only to make the system equal for both parents but to also keep fathers in the lives of their children.

