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FELONY NON-SUPPORT REFERRAL

It is a four-year felony in Michigan to not pay child or spousal support as ordered (MCL 750.165). Please use this form to request that your case be sent to the Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office for review. The Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office will not review a case for criminal charges unless the balance is over \$10,000.00. Filling out this form is not a guarantee that the non-custodial parent will be charged. It is ultimately up to the Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office whether the non-custodial parent is charged or not.

Please complete as much of the information as possible and return to the Friend of the Court.

Please provide the most recent photograph you have of the non-custodial parent. Please also provide any supporting documentation that shows the non-custodial parent may have the ability to pay but is choosing not to. Examples of helpful documentation would be Facebook messages or text messages about money being made, work being done, not paying child support, etc.

Once a criminal charge has been issued, you cannot have it dropped or reduced. Any charge reduction is at the discretion of the Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office. As a result of prosecution, the Absent Parent may go to jail or prison and would not be paying child support while incarcerated. The proceedings may put a strain on any relationship he/she has with the children, and/or possibly between the children and you. There is no assurance that you will receive any money due to criminal prosecution. You may be required to testify in court.

