

AG Fitch Announces Recent Child Desertion Sentencings



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Lynn Fitch

(Jackson, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced two recent sentencings for Felony Desertion or Nonsupport of Child. Both cases were investigated and prosecuted by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office.

"Parents have a legal and moral obligation to provide for their children, and we will continue to hold those who fail to do so accountable," **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch.** "I am grateful for our AGO prosecutors and investigators, and partners at the Mississippi Department of Human Services who are committed to ensuring that Mississippi's children receive the support they deserve."

On April 20, 2026, Panola County Circuit Court **Judge Smith Murphey** sentenced Nicholas Market, of Pope, Mississippi, to serve five years of probation and to pay full restitution totaling \$54,577. The Panola County Sheriff's Office assisted with the arrest.

On May 11, 2026, Walthall County Circuit Court **Judge David H. Strong, Jr.** sentenced Michael P. Rushing, of Tylertown, Mississippi, to serve five years of probation and to pay full restitution totaling \$210,686.67. The Walthall County Sheriff's Office assisted with the arrest.



Nicholas Market



Michael P. Rushing

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