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### **Palmer Father Indicted for Failure to Pay Child Support**

On February 14, 2013, an investigation conducted by the State of Alaska, Department of Revenue Criminal Investigations Unit, resulted in a Palmer Grand Jury indicting 50 year old Leonard M. Hill of Palmer on one count of felony criminal nonsupport. The indictment stems from Mr. Hill's failure to pay child support for 5 children he fathered. Mr. Hill is alleged to owe more than \$20,000.00 in child support.

The indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mr. Hill faces a sentence of up to five years in prison and a fine of \$50,000 if convicted. Sentencing is based on the judge's view of the seriousness of the crime and the offender's criminal history, if any.

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