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PASCO COUNTY DEADBEAT DAD FOUND GUILTY OF FAILING TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT

Tampa, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that a federal jury late yesterday found Mauro A. Martissa (age 45, of Pasco County) guilty of willfully failing to pay child support. Martissa faces a maximum sentence of two years in federal prison. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 20, 2009.

According to evidence presented at trial, Martissa owes more than \$110,000 in past due child support and, since October 2000, has failed to make a single voluntary payment. Martissa is the Director of a debt-consulting business.

This case was investigated by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas N. Palermo.