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GREENFIELD MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL CHARGES FOR FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT

DES MOINES, IA - Dr. Greg Michael Singer, D.O. of Napier, New Zealand was sentenced on Friday, January 13, 2012, to five years of probation for willfully failing to pay child support for his children who reside in Greenfield, Iowa, announced U.S. Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt.

A former Rock Island, Illinois resident, Singer, 50, was also ordered by U.S. District Court Judge Ronald Longtaff to pay \$209,000 in restitution to the Iowa Child Support Recovery Unit for past due payments owed to his ex-wife for the support of their four children and herself.

In an amended child support order of August 2006, the Iowa District Court for Adair County ordered Singer to pay child support of \$2,142 per month until his oldest child turned 19, \$1,932 when three children were eligible for support, \$1,626 when two children when two children were eligible for support, and \$1,104 as long as his last child was under 19. During the divorce, Singer was also found guilty of criminal contempt of court for willfully disobeying the court's order to promptly return a vehicle to his wife for her use and that of the children.

As special conditions of probation, Singer, who is listed as a physician for "The Doctors," an accident and medical centre in Napier, New Zealand, was ordered to find employment, surrender his passport, limit his travel to the states of Iowa and Illinois, and start making the

court-ordered child support payments for the two remaining children who still reside at home with their mother.

According to the court, it chose five years of probation over sending the defendant to jail for six months in order to monitor Singer's compliance with its restitution order and Singer's duty to pay ongoing child support. The court warned Singer he could still be sentenced to some form of incarceration if he violates the terms of his probation by failing to fulfill these duties.

Singer's request to renew his passport was denied by the United States Department of State because the State of Iowa reported he owed more than \$2,500 in past due child support. The passport sanction means the State Department can deny an application for a passport, refuse to renew a passport, restrict or limit the use of a passport, or revoke a passport. The passport sanction is not removed until the overdue support is paid. The Iowa Child Support Recovery Unit sends updates to the U.S. State Department every month.

The Iowa Board of Medicine suspended Dr. Singer's medical license on July 14, 2011 "for failing to pay a debt owed to the Iowa Department of Revenue." His Illinois medical license was also recently suspended for tax problems.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General and the State of Iowa, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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