Reporter of Decisions Decision No. Mem 06-108 Docket No. Pen-05-632

BONNIE ROGERS

v.

FREDERICK H. LAX III

Submitted on Briefs June 28, 2006 Decided July 20, 2006

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and CLIFFORD, DANA, ALEXANDER, CALKINS, LEVY, and SILVER, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Frederick H. Lax III appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Millinocket, *Stitham, J.*) awarding Bonnie Rogers \$18,264.40 plus interest for a child support arrearage. Based on evidence from the Department of Health and Human Services, a party-in-interest, the court found that: (1) the total child support arrearage owed by Lax is \$18,264.40; (2) of this amount, \$295 is owed directly to Rogers; (3) DHHS is owed the remainder; and (4) DHHS represents it will pass through to Rogers the sum of \$11,146.44. Contrary to Lax's contentions, Rogers has standing to seek the arrearage, *see* 19-A M.R.S. § 2351(2) (2005), and there was sufficient evidence to support the court's findings. Because the judgment

awards the entire amount of the arrearage, plus interest, to Rogers, we remand for correction of the judgment to conform to the court's findings. No further hearing is required.

The entry is:

Remanded to correct judgment.

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