

Asset seizures help court collect child support from deadbeats

DETROIT (AP) — Wayne County judges are cracking down on deadbeat dads by having their businesses, homes, cars and pensions seized to pay off back child support.

The judges have been appointing attorneys and accountants as receivers to tally, seize and sell the men's assets.

The most prolific receiver is an aggressive Royal Oak attorney who has been appointed in dozens of cases, where judges payment orders have been routinely ignored, The Detroit News said Wednesday.

"I'm like the judges' garbage man," David Findling said. "I don't think most people believe they will ever have to pay up. If they work with me, we can make arrangements, but most times they continue to believe they can avoid paying."

Findling, 37, said he expects to collect about \$200,000 this year in back child support.

In recent months, Findling has gotten some high-profile sports stars to pay back child support.

Willie Huber, a Detroit Red Wings defenseman in 1978-83 and a 10-year NHL veteran, owed about \$15,000 for eight years.

Huber divorced his wife and moved to Canada, where he ignored numerous court dates and child sup-

port payments.

In July, the Montreal-based National Hockey League Pension Society turned over \$53,000 to pay back child support for his son, Zachary.

The remaining money likely will be put in a trust to pay future payments.

Huber now is a junior hockey coach in Ontario. The newspaper said it could not reach him for comment.

Oba Carr, a welterweight boxer from Detroit who fought a \$350,000 bout against Oscar de la Hoya in May — losing in the 11th round — owed \$35,000 in back child support for his 11-year-old son in Detroit.

After a judge threatened to appoint Findling, Carr paid up, Findling said.

Carr's Los Angeles-based manager, Tom Loeffler, denied it was Findling's appointment that spurred Carr's payment.

"This was voluntary; he had the money and was doing the responsible thing," Loeffler said.

"This is sort of a last resort for people who simply make no effort to pay their child support," said Judge Kirsten Frank Kelley, who heads the family division of the Wayne Circuit Court. "David doesn't give up. He works tirelessly to see that our orders are carried out."