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I wonder if you have ever given the single man a thought, that only seen the woman for one week in his whole life, the woman gets pregnant to him, he isn't told that she was pregnant and had the baby till about 10 months, he gets drunk, tricked into signing the birth certificate with out reading it. Then he is trapped for 18 years with child support, pays \$300 a month. I think if you have a look around you will find a few men in this situation. They don't even know the child even if they saw them they wouldn't know them, the man has never even lived with the mother, there has been no separation or divorce. The child probably lives that far away it is impossible to even travel to see them. Paying child support for some one you don't even know is very wrong, specially if you got caught for a few nights having a drunken good time nothing else. Also the mother earns about \$36,000 a year, a lot more than what the man earns, he knows this because it is on the child support papers. The man has a hell of a time trying to do things in his own life because \$300 a month is a lot of money out of your wage if you are trying to start a family of your own. I think you should look at how long they are together. If they lived together at all. If the father and child even want to be together which they wouldn't in these circumstance . No wonder that young men cant handle it, they are stressed out all the time till they do some thing stupid. Thank you for reading this I hope some thing will be done to help some people in this suituation.

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