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“Miami Heat ‘Baby Daddy’ Wants Responsibility” -Michael Beasley.

Strange but true.

Miami Heat forward Michael Beasley has filed a paternity suit in a Miami-Dade County court. Usually, baby mamas file those!

But, according to records, the 21-year-old Beasley is the one who petitioned a family judge last month to establish a little girl's paternity, his parental responsibilities and financial support.

The paperwork shows a baby was born in May during an on-again, off-again relationship between bachelor Beasley, whose two years at the Heat have been marred with substance-abuse incidents and a stint in rehab, and 27-year-old New York TV production assistant Kaleila Pufolkes.

A DNA test has confirmed Beasley is the daddy, but the suit indicates he wants it put on public record and have a judge determine what he must pay.

Beasley is scheduled to make \$5 million this year.

"He's a decent guy," said his lawyer, *West Palm Beach attorney Howard Rudolph*. "He wants to be a responsible man and he'll honor his responsibilities. There'll be an amicable resolution in pursuit of the child's best interest."

No word from the ex-gal pal's camp. The Heat had no comment.

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