

BUCARO, PATRICIA A., Case No. 05-10326, Chapter 7, (bench ruling, April 9, 2007). **Issue:** Whether Debtor, who lived with her 16-year old daughter and an adult male who earned more than Debtor but was not related to either Debtor or her daughter by blood or marriage, was "the head of a family" for the purposes of S.D.C.L. § 43-45-4?

Ruling: Yes. The adult male who lived with Debtor and her daughter was a member of Debtor's household, but he was not a member of her family. Debtor's family consisted of Debtor and her 16-year old daughter. Debtor was the sole breadwinner for her family and was thus the head of her family for the purposes of S.D.C.L. § 43-45-4.