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CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AT TERRE HAUTE CHARGED WITH THEFT FROM EMPLOYEE FUND

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL W. ASHLEY, 45, Terre Haute, was charged with theft within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, following an investigation by the Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General.

The information alleges that ASHLEY was a senior correctional officer of the FCC Terre Haute, and was the treasurer of the U.S.P. Employees Club, Inc., a non-profit organization that supported recreational activities for BOP staff. From May of 2002 through May of 2007, Ashley stole approximately \$46,056.78 from the club by writing checks on the club's bank account and utilizing the club's Sam's club credit card account for personal purchases.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney James M. Warden, who is prosecuting the case for the government, ASHLEY faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 5 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Terre Haute, Indiana.

The information is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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