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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Denise Marilyn Nichols

**FORMER SECRETARY-TREASURER OF COMMUNICATIONS
WORKERS OF AMERICA (CWA) LOCAL 4050 SENTENCED
FOR EMBEZZLING UNION ASSETS**

A former Secretary-Treasurer of the Communications Workers of America (CWA), Local 4050, was sentenced today to 2 years probation for charges of embezzlement of union assets, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Ian Burg, Detroit District Director of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards.

Denise Marilyn Nichols, 50, of Detroit, was sentenced by United States District Judge Sean F. Cox.

Nichols pleaded guilty on October 12, 2007, to one count of Embezzlement of Union Assets.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "Embezzlement of union funds is a breach of trust that affects all union members. Union funds should not be treated as personal

spending money; such conduct will result in federal prosecution.”

At the time of her plea, Nichols admitted to the Court that between September 2002 and March 2004, she embezzled \$3,802.40 from Local 4050 by submitting time sheets for lost time for which she had already been paid by the union, and by claiming lost time for other times for which she was not entitled.

The case was investigated by the Office of Labor-Management Standards. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. Wuczyna.