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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Darren Johnson

**FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURY EMPLOYEES UNION,
CHAPTER 78, SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLING UNION ASSETS**

A former President of the National Treasury Employees Union, Chapter 78, was sentenced today to six months in a community corrections center, followed by three years of supervised release, restitution of \$13,748.50, and a \$100 special assessment, 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.

Darren Johnson, 42, of Ecorse, was sentenced by United States District Judge George Caram Steeh. Johnson previously pleaded guilty on December 3, 2007, to one count of Bank Robbery and Incidental Crimes.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "An official of a labor union

occupies a position of trust and fidelity with respect to the faithful stewardship of the membership's funds. Embezzlement by such an official will be met with vigorous prosecution by our office.”

At the time of his plea, Johnson admitted to the Court that between September 3, 2002 and March 16, 2004, he embezzled at least \$4,756.75 from Chapter 78 by making unauthorized ATM cash withdrawals from the Chapter's checking account, and by cashing unauthorized union checks made payable to himself.

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