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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Kenneth Harrison

**FORMER PONTIAC POLICE OFFICER
SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLING UNION ASSETS**

A former City of Pontiac Police Officer, who was the Treasurer of the Pontiac Police Officer's Association (PPOA), was sentenced today to three years probation, with the first 180 days in home confinement, for charges of embezzlement of union assets, Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced today.

Berg was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Andrew G. Arena, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Kenneth Harrison, 35, of Waterford, Michigan, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Victoria A. Roberts.

At the time of his plea, Harrison admitted to the Court that between July 2004 and November 2006, he embezzled approximately \$38,000 from the PPOA by using the PPOA's credit card for unauthorized purchases and services for his own personal use. Harrison had been a Pontiac Police Officer since 1996.

Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg said, “Stealing from the police officer association’s funds breaks two bonds of trust – between the union leadership and its members, and between the police and the public. The integrity of such membership funds must not be violated, particularly by an officer of the organization.”

The case was investigated by Special Agent Daniel J. Troccoli of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. Wuczyna.