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## **TERRE HAUTE CORRECTION OFFICER SENTENCED FOR THEFT**

### PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL W. ASHLEY, 45, Terre Haute, Indiana, was sentenced to 14 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to theft. This case was the result of an investigation by the Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General.

ASHLEY was a senior correctional officer at 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. Many of the items purchased in this way were for ASHLEY's enhanced life style, and several thousand dollars were received in cash. ASHLEY undertook dozens of transactions and falsely certified documents to effect this crime.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following ASHLEY's release from imprisonment. ASHLEY was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$46,000.

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