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Event: Sentenced

Defendant: Charles Bohannon

FORMER BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND TRAINMEN (BLET), DIVISION 1, SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLING UNION ASSETS

A former Secretary-Treasurer of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET), Division 1, was sentenced today to three years probation, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$18,074.23, for embezzlement charges stemming from the theft of Division 1 funds, Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced today.

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

Charles Bohannon, 29, formerly of Luna Pier, Michigan, entered a guilty plea on November 20, 2008 to Embezzlement of Union Assets in the United States District Court before the Honorable Lawrence P. Zatkoff.

The information presented to the court at the time of the plea showed that between September 2003 and January 2005, Bohannon, while acting as Secretary-Treasurer of BLET,

Division 1, embezzled approximately \$18,074.23 from BLET, Division 1, by writing unauthorized checks to himself drawn on the union's checking account, making unauthorized cash withdrawals from the union's checking account, and making an unauthorized computer purchase with union funds.

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