

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF)
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BARBARA J. COWARD)
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An Institution-Affiliated Party and)
Person Participating in the Affairs of the)
Utah Copper Employees Credit Union)
Copperton, Utah)
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Docket No. 05-1202-V

ORDER OF PROHIBITION

Pursuant to Section 206(i)(1) of the Federal Credit Union Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1786(i)(1), you are hereby notified that you are prohibited from participating in any manner in the affairs of any federally insured credit union. This prohibition results from activities you engaged in during your affiliation with the Utah Copper Employees Credit Union. This prohibition is effective immediately upon service. In accordance with Section 206(g)(7)(A) of the Federal Credit Union Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1786(g)(7)(A), this Order shall constitute a prohibition from further participation in any manner in the affairs of any federally insured financial institution, or other entity identified therein, without the written permission of the appropriate federal regulatory agency. This Order has been issued based upon the following information.

You pleaded guilty to one count of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344, financial institution fraud. You were sentenced on June 14, 2005, by the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, to confinement for forty-six months, supervised release for three years, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,304,307.10. A copy of the Judgment in a Criminal Case, dated June 16, 2005, is attached to this Order as Attachment 1 and is incorporated by reference herein. Initially you filed an appeal of your case with the Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. However, on September 30, 2005, your motion to dismiss the appeal was granted.

A copy of the Order by the Court of Appeals, filed September 30, 2005, is attached to this Order as Attachment 2 and is incorporated by reference herein. Because your appeal was dismissed, your conviction is now final.

The offense to which you pleaded guilty, financial institution fraud, was committed while you were the president/manager of the Utah Copper Employees Credit Union. During a loan review, examiners discovered that for more than ten years, you had created numerous fictitious loans at the credit union using closed or deceased member accounts. Before your criminal actions were discovered, you had embezzled approximately \$4.5 million from the Utah Copper Employees Credit Union. This loss directly caused the demise of the Utah Copper Employees Credit Union, your employer since July 1950. At the time of your criminal actions, Utah Copper Employees Credit Union was a federally insured credit union.

The offense to which you pleaded guilty involves personal dishonesty and breach of trust. Your continued participation in the affairs of any federally insured credit union may pose a threat to the interests of credit union members and may threaten to impair public confidence in the credit union involved.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Section 206(i)(3), of the Federal Credit Union Act, 12 U.S.C. §1786(i)(3), you may request in writing, within thirty days of service of this Order, an opportunity for a hearing at which you may present evidence and argument that your continued participation in the affairs of any federally insured credit union would not, or would not be likely to, pose a threat to the interests of that credit union's members or threaten to impair public confidence in the credit union. Any such request should be sent to: Secretary of the Board, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428. This hearing will be held in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, or such other place as designated by the Board, in accordance with Subpart D of Part 747 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. §747.301 *et. seq.*

