



## **Former program director found guilty of grand theft**

An investigation by the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) led to the conviction of a former AmeriCorps program director who embezzled more than \$37,000 in non-Federal funds from a faith-based service program in Coconut Grove, FL. Donald McCoy was found guilty of Grand Theft (Third Degree) in Dade County Circuit Court on May 5, 2004. He was sentenced to three years of supervised probation and ordered to make full restitution of the \$37,512 he had embezzled from the faith-based program. In July, Corporation officials debarred McCoy from obtaining Federal contracts and grants, or serving as an official in an organization that receives Federal funds, for a period of one year.

Office of Inspector General investigators, who had originally opened the case to probe an alleged embezzlement of AmeriCorps funds, instead uncovered McCoy's theft of non-Federal funds. They alerted local police and prosecutors and coordinated their investigation with those officials. Despite the fact that no AmeriCorps Federal funds were included in McCoy's embezzlement scheme, Corporation officials ruled that his felony conviction merited debarment.