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NASSAU COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLEMENT AND THEFT OF UNION FUNDS

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton, along with Antoinette Dempsey, District Director of the Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, announced today that Tarris Dynell Dallas (age 43, of Fernandina Beach) has pleaded guilty to the embezzlement and theft of union assets. Dallas faces a maximum penalty of 5 years in federal prison. A sentencing date has not yet been set. Dallas had been charged in a federal indictment on November 25, 2008.

According to court documents, Dallas was the Financial Secretary-Treasurer of the Nassau County chapter of the United Steelworkers International Union ("USW"), Local Division No. 9-415 ("Local 9-415"). In January 2008, the USW began investigating delinquent dues payments from Local 9-415 to the national headquarters. After an audit of Local 9-415 found a funding discrepancy in excess of \$100,000.00, the USW reported the incident to the Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards ("OLMS").

Subsequent investigation by OLMS determined that Dallas had written approximately 125 fraudulent checks out of Local's 9-415 bank account, totaling \$103,457.59. In addition, Dallas had conducted a series of unauthorized ATM withdrawals totaling \$1,255.86.

This case was investigated by the Office of Labor-Management Standards, U.S. Department of Labor. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kevin C. Frein.