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## WESTBY MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced today that Dale M. Pedretti, 45, of Westby, Wisconsin, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Madison to 27 months in prison for bank embezzlement. Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb also ordered Pedretti to pay restitution of \$351,899.75.

Pedretti pleaded guilty to embezzling money from his former employer, the Fortress Bank of Westby, Wisconsin.

The charge against Dale M. Pedretti was the result of an investigation conducted by the La Crosse Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

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