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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Andrew T. Baxter announced today that Carol Bruno, 53, of Albany, New York pled guilty to an Indictment charging her with embezzling union funds while she was the treasurer of Civil Service Employee Association Region IV (CSEA Region IV) in violation of Title 29, United States Code, Section 501(c).

Bruno admitted that from March 2004 through March 2006 while she was the treasurer of CSEA Region IV, she stole union monies entrusted to her. As part of her plea agreement, Bruno admitted that she stole at least \$16, 118.57. She has also agreed to pay restitution for monies that she embezzled from CSEA Local 664, a subsidiary union organization for which she was also treasurer.

Sentencing before Senior United States District Judge Lawrence E. Kahn is scheduled for May 6, 2009 in Albany, New York. Bruno faces a maximum possible sentence of five-years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$10,000.00, a period of supervised release and the legal disabilities flowing from conviction of a felony.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor Management Standards in Buffalo, New York.

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