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## **UNION PRESIDENT SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Guy Masocco, 62, of Buffalo, New York, who was convicted of embezzlement of labor union assets, was sentenced to 10 months of home detention and three years of probation by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara. Judge Arcara also ordered the defendant to pay \$31,700 in restitution to Local 897.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael DiGiacomo, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant is the Union President of Steelworkers Local 897 which represents over 100 members employed at ITT Heat Transfer Inc., in Cheektowaga, New York. From December 2004 through November 2009, Masocco used his union credit card for personal expenses. In addition, the defendant also submitted claims to the union for reimbursement of wages he claimed he lost while conducting union business. A review of company payroll records revealed Masocco was paid for some of the same days and times he was reimbursed by the union. As a result, the Government estimated that the defendant's actions cost members of Local 897 lost approximately \$31,700.00.

"Our Office is committed to ensuring that members of labor unions will not be defrauded or victimized by their officers," said U.S. Attorney Hochul.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the United States Department of Labor Office of Labor and Management Standards under the direction of District Director Joseph S. Wasik.

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