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U.S. CHARGES FORMER HIGH-RANKING TEAMSTER OFFICER
WITH CRIMINAL CONTEMPT OF CONSENT DECREE

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that WILLIAM T. HOGAN, JR., a former high-ranking officer of the Internal Brotherhood of Teamsters, was charged with criminal contempt of the court-ordered Consent Decree that resolved the Government's historic civil racketeering action against the Teamsters Union in 1989.

The Consent Decree instituted sweeping structural reforms of the Teamsters' electoral and disciplinary processes with the goals of eradicating corruption from the Union and establishing a culture of democracy for the benefit of the members. Among other things, the Consent Decree permanently bars all Union members and officers from "knowingly associating" with any person barred from participating in Union affairs. To date, the Consent Decree process has succeeded in permanently barring more than 300 people from the Teamsters Union.

According to the Notice of Charge and supporting papers filed on April 27, 2007, HOGAN was permanently barred from the Teamsters Union in 2002 for violating the Teamsters Constitution by colluding with a non-union employer to enter into a sub-standard contract to the detriment of Union members. It is alleged that even after HOGAN was permanently barred, he nevertheless continued to knowingly associate with various Union members and officers on at least 150 occasions, in person and by telephone. In so doing, HOGAN is charged with having aided and abetted those members and officers in violating the Consent Decree, and thereby acting in criminal contempt of the Consent Decree.

On April 27, 2007, United States District Judge LORETTA A. PRESKA issued an order for HOGAN to show cause on May 21, 2007 why he should not be adjudged in criminal contempt.

HOGAN has been charged with criminal contempt as a

petty offense punishable by a maximum sentence of imprisonment of not more than six months and a fine of not more than five thousand dollars.

Assistant United States Attorneys DANNA DRORI and BENJAMIN GRUENSTEIN are in charge of this prosecution.

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