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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

SUPERIOR WOMAN CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT FROM LABOR UNION

Shari Birch, 39, Superior, Wis., is charged with 21 counts of embezzling from a labor organization. The indictment alleges that she embezzled funds while treasurer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1760-A, which represents members employed at St. Francis Home in the Park, a skilled nursing facility located in Superior.

The indictment alleges that on 11 occasions from May 2007 to October 2008, Birch deposited checks for members' dues totaling \$14,413.54 into her personal account, and that on seven occasions from October 2007 to July 2008, she stole a total of \$1,891 by not depositing the full amount of checks for members' dues, but instead obtaining cash back from the deposits. The indictment also alleges that twice in 2009, she caused the transfer of money totaling \$333 from the bank account of Local 1760-A to the payment of a personal phone bill, and in June 2009, issued a \$100 check from the bank account of Local 1760-A payable to herself.

If convicted, Birch faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison on each count. The charges against her are the result of an investigation by the Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards and Superior Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

ILLINOIS MAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING HEROIN

Tywon Cannon, 37, South Beloit, Ill., is charged with five counts of distributing heroin. The indictment alleges that Cannon distributed heroin on five occasions in August

2010.

If convicted, Cannon faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Rock County Sheriff's Department and Janesville Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

NEILLSVILLE WOMAN CHARGED WITH THEFT FROM MAIL

Theresa L. Kuehl, 42, Neillsville, Wis., is charged with theft from an item of mail while employed at the Neillsville U.S. Postal Station. The indictment alleges that on December 22, 2009, she removed a prepaid Citibank debit card in the amount of \$100 from a piece of mail.

If convicted, Kuehl faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. The charge against her is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

MAN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES

Luis Perez-Gomez, a/k/a Enrique Ibarra Beltran, 29, a citizen of Mexico found in Dane County, Wis., is charged with illegally re-entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that he was found in the United States on October 6, 2010.

If convicted, Perez-Gomez faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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