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## **Former Treasurer of Local Labor Union Pleads Guilty to Embezzlement**

NORFOLK, Va. – A Portsmouth woman pleaded guilty today to an embezzlement scheme that nearly wiped out an account used to assist sick or distressed members of a local labor union.

According to court documents, Tamika Bullock, 39, was appointed in September 2015 to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 684. The union maintains a “sick and distressed” account, which is funded entirely by voluntary contributions and is solely used to assist union members who are sick or otherwise out of work. Between January 2016 and October 2016, Bullock embezzled \$24,600 from the union, with over \$21,400 being stolen from the “sick and distressed” account. As Secretary-Treasurer, Bullock provided financial reports at the monthly meeting of the union membership and made false statements about the balance in the account in order to conceal her embezzlement, reporting balances up to \$15,000 higher than the actual balance. She used the \$24,600 she embezzled for her own personal benefit, including paying for a cruise.

Bullock pleaded guilty to embezzlement of funds from a labor organization and faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison when sentenced on Feb. 15, 2018. Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Dana J. Boente, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Robin Blake, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Washington, D.C. Regional Office, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, made the announcement after U.S. Magistrate Judge Douglas E. Miller accepted the plea. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan M. Salsbury is prosecuting the case.

A copy of this press release is located on the website of the [U.S. Attorney's Office](#) for the Eastern District of Virginia. Related court documents and information is located on the website of the [District Court](#) for the Eastern District of Virginia or on [PACER](#) by searching for **Case No. 2:17-cr-97**.

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