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Former Union Officer Sentenced for Embezzlement

BOSTON – The former Secretary-Treasurer of UNITEHERE Local 26 was sentenced today in federal court in Boston for embezzling over \$170,000 from the organization.

Henry Clay Green Sr., 61, of Boston, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Chief Judge Patti B. Saris to six months in prison and one year of supervised release. Restitution and forfeiture will be determined at a hearing scheduled for Sept. 26, 2018. In December 2017, Green pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement from a labor union.

From May 19, 2011, to July 14, 2016, Green was Secretary-Treasurer of UNITEHERE Local 26, a labor union representing the hospitality industries in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In that capacity, Green exercised control over various aspects of Local 26's financial operations and used his position to embezzle \$171,455 from the organization for his own use. When confronted by union officials, Green confessed.

"Henry Green, Sr. used his position as the long-time treasurer of UNITEHERE Local 26 to embezzle over \$170,000 of the union's funds. The Office of Inspector General will continue to investigate union officials who abuse their positions to exploit unions for their own benefit," stated Michael C. Mikulka, Special Agent in Charge, New York Region, U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General.

"We thank our colleagues the Office of Labor-Management Standards and Office of Inspector General and the U.S. Attorney's Office. We will continue to work with them to ensure the protection of employee benefit plan participants and that fiduciaries of those plans carry out their duties in compliance with the law," said Carol S. Hamilton, Acting Regional Director, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; DOL OIG SAC Mikulka; DOL EBSA Acting Regional Director Hamilton; and Jonathan Russo, District Director of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor Management Standards, Boston District Office, made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura J. Kaplan of Lelling's Organized Crime and Gang Unit prosecuted the case.