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**FORMER BUSINESS MANAGER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR STEALING MORE THAN \$1.7 MILLION FROM LABOR UNION, UNLAWFUL LABOR PAYMENTS, FRAUD AND MONEY LAUNDERING**

WASHINGTON – A former business manager of the Local 657 of the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) was sentenced today to 48 months in prison for stealing more than \$1.7 million from Local 657.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Blanco of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, Special Agent in Charge Timothy Slater of the FBI's Washington Field Office Criminal Division, Special Agent in Charge Robin Blake of the Department of Labor Office of Inspector General Washington, D.C., Regional Office and District Director Mark Wheeler of the Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards Washington, D.C., District Office made the announcement.

Anthony Wendel Frederick Sr., 50, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Amit P. Mehta of the District of Columbia, who also ordered Frederick to pay \$1,632,000 in restitution to Local 657 and to forfeit \$1,734,000 of criminally-derived proceeds.

LIUNA's Local 657, now merged into LIUNA Local 11, is a labor organization that represents construction laborers in Washington, D.C., and five adjacent counties. Frederick served as the business manager for Local 657 for approximately 10 years until June 2014.

According to Frederick's plea and co-conspirator's trial evidence, from approximately May 2013 through June 2014, Frederick directed more than \$1.7 million in Local 657 funds to STS General Contracting of Greenbelt, Maryland, without the knowledge or authorization of the Local 657 Executive Board or LIUNA International officials. Frederick also admitted that principals of STS General Contracting made a number of financial payments to Frederick with the funds stolen from Local 657, including a down payment of \$225,000 on a home Frederick purchased and directed more than \$600,000 to a corporation owned in part by Frederick's wife.

The FBI and the Department of Labor investigated the case. Trial Attorneys Vincent J. Falvo and David Karpel of the Criminal Division's Organized Crime and Gang Section prosecuted the case.

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