

**PRESS RELEASE**

# **Former Officer Pleads Guilty to Embezzling More than \$30,000 from DC Department of Corrections Union**

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## **Defendant Spent Embezzled Funds on Travel and Entertainment**

WASHINGTON – Andra Parker, 65, of Capitol Heights, Maryland, pleaded guilty today to wire fraud for embezzling tens of thousands of dollars from a D.C. Department of Corrections Labor Union.

The guilty plea was announced by U.S. Attorney Matthew M. Graves, FBI Acting Special Agent in Charge David Geist of the Washington Field Office Criminal and Cyber Division, and Special Agent in Charge Troy W. Springer of the National Capital Region, U.S. Department of Labor - Office of Inspector General (DOL-OIG).

Parker, a former D.C. Corrections officer, served as Chairman of the Labor Committee, an organization that represents all members of the D.C. Department of Corrections, from June 2018 through approximately April 2019. As Chairman, Parker had full access to the Labor Committee's bank accounts to carry out his official duties and was issued a debit card.

As part of his guilty plea, Parker admitted that he misappropriated more than \$30,000 of union funds to pay for unofficial travel, lodging, and entertainment for him and his friends. For example, he spent more than \$7,000 on a trip to New York city for his friends and him, including \$4,000 on rooms and expenses at a Times Square hotel, more than \$370 on tickets to a New York Knicks game, and an additional \$616 on tickets to *Summer: The Donna Summer Musical*. He also spent more than \$2,000 in union funds to purchase four tickets to a Diana Ross concert in North Bethesda, Maryland.

The Honorable Rudolph Contreras, who accepted Parker's guilty plea, scheduled sentencing for March 6, 2025.

This case was investigated by the FBI's Washington Field Office and the DOL-OIG. Assistance was also provided by the DOL - Office of Labor-Management Standards.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Joshua Gold and Kondi Kleinman of the Fraud, Public Corruption, and Civil Rights Section, with assistance from Paralegal Specialist Sonalika Chaturvedi.

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