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PALM COAST WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR EMBEZZLING FROM UNION APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that Carolyn Sue Alderman-Connon (46, Palm Coast, Florida) was sentenced today in federal court for embezzling more than \$1 million from the Southeast Area Joint Apprenticeship Program ("SAJAC"), an apprenticeship program sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, and Black Smith Builders union. Alderman-Connon was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution of \$1,281,270.33. During the sentencing hearing, the court also adopted an order of forfeiture of \$37,757.02 against Alderman-Connon.

According to the information, other related documents filed in the case, and court proceedings Alderman-Connon was employed as a financial secretary at the SAJAC headquarters in Ruskin, Florida. Her duties included verifying invoices and writing checks for SAJAC's various approved operational expenditures, recording and making bank deposits, making approved transfers of monies between SAJAC bank accounts via checks, entering SAJAC's various financial transactions into its electronic accounting system, and preparing SAJAC's bank reconciliation reports.

The SAJAC computer system was, during the period at issue, designed to

automatically print the required signatures on any checks approved by certain officers. Alderman-Connon routinely and without permission or authorization used an online banking system to transfer funds between various SAJAC bank accounts, and then created and printed checks made payable to either herself or a fictitious payee. Later, Alderman-Connon either deleted or renamed the payees identified in SAJAC's bookkeeping system to conceal her actions. In all, Alderman-Connon embezzled approximately \$1,281,270 from SAJAC.

This case was jointly investigated by the United States Department of Labor-Office of Inspector General and the United States Department of Labor-Employee Benefits Security Administration. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay G. Trezevant.