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## **Two Charged With Theft of Funds From the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union 150 Vacation Fund**

United States Attorney Bill Nettles announced that Danny Lee Key, age 58, of North Augusta, South Carolina, and George Byron Herrington, age 63, of Martinez, Georgia, have been charged in a one-count Indictment with theft of funds from the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union 150 Vacation Fund, an employee welfare benefit plan subject to title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, in violation of Title, United States Code, Section 664. The Indictment alleges that the theft occurred between March and July of 2007. The maximum penalty Key and Herrington could receive is five years imprisonment and \$250,000 in fines.

The case was investigated by the Atlanta Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) and the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General. Isabel Colon, Regional Director of EBSA's Atlanta Regional Office stated that "Theft of employee benefit assets jeopardizes the benefits of workers. This case reaffirms the Labor Department's commitment to protect workers' benefits by identifying criminal activity wherever and whenever it occurs." The case is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Dean A. Eichelberger of the Columbia office for prosecution.

The United States Attorney stated that all charges in these Indictments are merely accusations and that all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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