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NEWS RELEASE

LEMOYNE BUSINESS OWNER SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT TODAY FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced today that Keith M. Getty, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, was sentenced in connection with his embezzlement of retirement contributions from area small businesses. Getty, 44, was sentenced by Senior United States District Judge A. Richard Caputo to serve 30 months in federal prison and to pay more than \$203,000 in restitution to twenty-three victims.

According to United States Attorney Peter J. Smith, Getty owned and operated Century Small Business Solutions in Lemoyne, Pennsylvania. The business was supposed to handle payroll and tax preparation services as well as remittance of federal, state, and local taxes. Part of those services required Getty to make appropriate payments into retirement accounts and pay required taxes and insurance premiums for his clients' businesses with funds provided by those client businesses.

The investigation conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, revealed that Getty stole more than \$81,000 from employee benefits funds and more than \$220,000 that should have been used to pay taxes of the businesses. He pled guilty in November 2009.

Smith thanked the Department of Labor agents for their efforts in analyzing the financial transactions that revealed Getty's embezzlement.

"Today's sentencing affirms our commitment to take strong enforcement action to protect workers' retirement assets from abuse by those entrusted with safekeeping of Americans' benefit

programs, including those who provide services to plans," said Mabel Capolongo, director of the Philadelphia Regional Office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

U.S. Attorney Smith stated, "The sentence imposed today for this serious financial crime committed against small businesses should send a clear message to anyone who would think about committing similar acts that they will be prosecuted."

Assistant United States Attorney James T. Clancy handled the prosecution of Getty.
