



***United States Attorney
District of New Jersey***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 16, 2012

www.justice.gov/usao/nj

CONTACT: Rebekah Carmichael
Office of Public Affairs
(973) 645-2888

**CONTRACTOR HIRED TO RENOVATE UNION HEADQUARTERS
ARRESTED FOR STEALING UNION FUNDS**

NEWARK, N.J. – A contractor who was hired to renovate and repair the International Longshoreman’s Association-Local 1233 headquarters in Newark was arrested at his home today for allegedly stealing more than \$300,000 from the union, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Raymond Norville, 42, of Orange, owner of RLL Unique Homes Inc., a construction company located in Orange, N.J., was charged by Complaint filed Tuesday and unsealed today with one count of embezzlement of at least \$100,000. He was arrested at his home early this morning by agents of the Department of Labor-Office of Inspector General and detectives of the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor. Norville is scheduled to make his initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Falk in Newark federal court later today.

According to the Complaint:

From February 2007 through June 2008, Norville allegedly stole union funds disbursed to renovate and repair portions of the union’s office building in Newark. The complaint alleges Norville submitted 33 invoices – including some that were handwritten and almost illegible – totaling \$324,221.94 for renovation and repairs to the union’s office building.

RLL’s work related to repairs and installation of air conditioning units and electrical and plumbing systems located throughout the building. Fraudulent invoices fell into three categories: renovations and repairs that were not done; significantly and improperly inflated invoices; and “double billing” the union for work. An expert also reported that completed work was often of poor quality.

The embezzlement count with which Norville is charged carries a maximum potential penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, or twice the gross gain or loss from the offense.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents of the Department of Labor-OIG, Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Robert Panella; detectives of the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor, under the direction of Commissioner Jan Gilhooly; and special agents of the Office of Labor Management Standards under the direction of District Director Andriana Vamvakas.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney V. Grady O'Malley, senior litigation counsel, of the U.S. Attorney's Office Organized Crime / Gangs Unit in Newark, and Michele Demeri Esq. of the NY|NJ Waterfront Commission .

The charges and allegations contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is considered innocent unless and until proven guilty.

12-056

###

Defense counsel: TBA