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**U.S. CHARGES FORMER PRESIDENT OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL WITH
EXTORTING PERSONAL SERVICES FROM UNION EMPLOYEES**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and DON TODD, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards, announced today the arrest of ANTHONY RUMORE, former President of International Brotherhood of Teamsters ("IBT") Local 812 and IBT Joint Council 16, on charges stemming from the extortion of personal services from Local 812 employees over a period of approximately 15 years. RUMORE, 63, was arrested this morning at his home in Manhattan. According to the Indictment filed in Manhattan federal court:

From 1988 until September 10, 2004, ANTHONY RUMORE was the President of IBT Local 812. Local 812 is made up of approximately 3,000 to 4,000 members who work in the soft drink, brewery, needle trade, and industrial and textile industries in the greater New York City area. From about 1997 until September 10, 2004, RUMORE was also the President of IBT Joint Council 16, which exists for the purpose of coordinating activities between the local Teamsters unions in the New York City area.

Throughout the duration of his presidency, RUMORE demanded and obtained services from Local 812's employees -- union officers, business agents, and staff -- for the personal benefit of himself and his family. These personal services were unrelated to any union business and interfered with the employees' ability to perform legitimate work on behalf of Local 812's members. Local 812's employees complied with RUMORE's demands because they feared that, if they did not, RUMORE would cause them economic harm, including the loss of their employment with Local 812.

Among the various personal services that RUMORE demanded and obtained from Local 812's employees were the following:

1. In the early 1990s, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to spend approximately two weeks installing a new roof, skylight, and a deck on his house in Lakeview, Pennsylvania, approximately 150 miles from New York City.
2. On various occasions between 1992 and 1995, RUMORE directed a Local 812 employee to travel to RUMORE's house in Lakeview, Pennsylvania to mow the lawn and clean the gutters.
3. On August 2, 1999, RUMORE directed a Local 812 employee to erect a tent for a social occasion in the backyard of RUMORE's father's house in Queens.
4. On March 22, 2000, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to move personal belongings from his house in Lakeview, Pennsylvania, to space in a Local 812 building in Scarsdale, New York, that RUMORE took over for personal storage.
5. On various occasions in October 2000, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to run errands in connection with the upcoming wedding of RUMORE's daughter. These errands included chauffeuring RUMORE's wife and daughter as they went to various stores, as well as picking up dresses and delivering them to RUMORE's family.
6. On November 21, 2000, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to go to the apartment of RUMORE's daughter, wait for the delivery of a wall unit, transport the wall unit up to the apartment in an elevator, and install the wall unit.
7. On July 11, 2001, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to collect pipes from a home improvement store, deliver them to RUMORE's father's house in Queens, and use the pipes to begin erecting a tent for a social occasion. Two days later, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to finish erecting the tent.
8. On October 30, 2001, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to move furniture from an apartment being vacated by RUMORE's daughter to an apartment into which she was moving.
9. On numerous occasions from at least 2001 through at

least 2003, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to drive RUMORE, his wife, and his daughters to various medical appointments. This included numerous excursions in which Local 812 employees were required to collect RUMORE and his family individually in New York City, drive them to a holistic doctor in New Jersey, wait for them, and then drive them back to New York City.

10. In November 2001, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to drive RUMORE and his family from New York to Baltimore, Maryland, to attend a wedding. One Local 812 employee was directed to drive RUMORE and his family in one vehicle, while another Local 812 employee was directed to follow in a second vehicle that was used to transport gowns for RUMORE's wife and daughters.
11. On each day from September 3, 2002, through September 6, 2002, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to stay in RUMORE's family's apartment in lower Manhattan to monitor professional cleaners working on the apartment.
12. On September 2002, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to remove rugs from RUMORE's apartment for cleaning. On December 18, 2002, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to reinstall the rugs in RUMORE's apartment.
13. In December 18, 2000, December 18, 2001, and December 20, 2002, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to deliver and set up a Christmas tree at RUMORE's apartment.
14. On numerous occasions in 2003, RUMORE directed Local 812 employees to chauffeur RUMORE and his daughters, including to yoga classes and to each other's homes in Manhattan, and chauffeured RUMORE and a daughter during several day-long searches for a new apartment for RUMORE.
15. Between April 2003 and November 2003, RUMORE repeatedly directed Local 812 employees to attempt to collect contributions from Local 812 members for a legal defense fund that RUMORE had established in order to defend himself in a disciplinary proceeding initiated against him by the Independent Review Board, a court-appointed entity that monitors the International

Brotherhood of Teamsters. On at least one occasion, angry that insufficient funds had been collected, RUMORE ordered the cancellation of all of the legitimate work in which Local 812's business agents were engaged on behalf of Local 812's membership, so that the business agents could focus on RUMORE's demand that they collect money for RUMORE's legal defense fund. In total, Local 812 employees collected approximately \$30,000 from Local 812's members for RUMORE's legal defense fund.

RUMORE has been charged with one count of extorting personal services from Local 812's employees, in violation of the Hobbs Act, and one count of embezzling the assets of a labor union, in violation of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act. If convicted, RUMORE faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 25 years.

RUMORE is expected to be presented in Manhattan federal court later today.

Mr. GARCIA praised the work of the Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards.

This case is being prosecuted by the Public Corruption Unit of the United States Attorney's Office. Assistant United States Attorneys MICHAEL A. LEVY and CHRISTINE Y. WONG are in charge of this prosecution.

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

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