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## **HUBER HEIGHTS WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK FRAUD**

### *Embezzled More Than \$478,000 from Antioch Shrine*

DAYTON – Wanda Fox, 67, of Huber Heights, pleaded guilty to one count of bank fraud in connection a scheme in which she embezzled approximately \$478,287 belonging to Antioch Shrine, a charitable organization located in Dayton, Ohio.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; Tom Mazur, Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service; Chief Richard Biehl, Dayton Police Department; and Chief Robert Schommer, Huber Heights Police Department, announced the plea entered today before District Judge Walter H. Rice.

According to the statement of facts filed in Court, Fox, using a check writing computer software program at the Antioch office where she worked, fraudulently created approximately 192 checks in various amounts totaling approximately \$468,287 from the period of April 2002 until August 2009. The checks were made payable to herself, her spouse or “National City Bank” and were drawn on Antioch’s National City Bank checking account. Fox fraudulently created the checks without the knowledge or authorization of Antioch Shrine and then traveled to various National City Bank branches located in the Dayton, Ohio area where she negotiated the checks by either depositing them into a personal checking account she maintained at National City Bank or by simply cashing them.

As part of her scheme, Fox also traveled to Dayton area National City Bank branches on four separate occasions, and withdrew a total of approximately \$10,000 belonging to Antioch Shrine. At the time she made the withdrawals, Fox fraudulently represented to National City Bank that she had the authority to make the money withdrawals from the Shrine’s account. Fox used the fraudulently obtained funds to pay for her personal expenses, to pay off debts, and for other unlawful purposes.

Fox was arrested on October 21, 2009 and has been free on bond since her arrest.

Fox faces a sentence of up to 30 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$1 million, and up to five years of supervised release, a form of probation. In addition, her plea agreement requires

Fox to make full restitution to Antioch Shrine and National City Bank. Fox's sentencing is set for June 25, 2010 before Judge Rice.

Stewart commended the investigation of this case by Secret Service agents, Dayton Police detectives, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mona Guerrier, who is prosecuting the case.

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