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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Arrest of Douglas Rogers Clerk / Dispatcher Police Department**

On May 27, 2009 Executive Board members of Local 473 of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, which represents North Kingstown Police Officers and a Clerk Dispatcher, reported to the Command Staff a potential problem involving Union banking accounts.

Local 473 Executive Board had identified a questionable transaction for an account belonging to Local 473. This transaction prompted an overall account review for the three banking accounts belonging to Local 473. In the review it was noted there had been transfers of funds to an unknown account, not belonging to the Local. This account was identified as belonging to a ROGERS and eventually determined to belong to, Douglas Rogers, a Clerk / Dispatcher for the police department who held the union office position of Secretary / Treasurer for International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 473.

Due to the nature of the allegations and the involvement of a Police Dispatcher, a determination was made to contact the Rhode Island State Police – Financial Crimes Unit, to assist in conducting the investigation for potential criminal charges.

On April 13, 2010 Detective Robert Creamer of the Rhode Island State Police – Financial Crimes Unit executed an arrest warrant for Douglas H. Rogers, for one count of a violation of Rhode Island General Law, 11-41-1 Theft, Embezzlement, False Pretenses, and Misappropriation – larceny over \$500; a criminal violation classified as a felony.

On April 13, 2010 Douglas Rogers (41) was arraigned before a Justice of the Peace at the Rhode Island State Police – Wickford Barracks on the charge of 11-41-1 Stealing as larceny (over \$500.) – criminal violation classified as a felony. Rogers was released on bail, established at \$10,000 personal recognizance. Rogers's next scheduled court date is April 28, 2010 at the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Court, Washington County.

Rogers has been a clerk / dispatcher for the police department for 15 years and the Secretary / Treasurer for Local 473 for approximately 10 years. At present Rogers is suspended from duty with pay, pending additional hearing and review of his employment status.