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Five Birkel Employees finally back on the Job

On July 2, 2010 Local One, IBEW in the name of Willi Stroh, Kevin Pursell, Josh Yates, Zack Wilbur and Tom Martin unconditionally offered to return to work per the settlement agreement. Birkel refused to reinstate the employees, which in turn violated the agreement made with the Federal Government.

After charges were filed with the Federal Government, after numerous offers to return and demonstrations in front of the Birkel's shop, four of the five employees were reinstated July 15, 2010. After several days of negotiations the fifth employee was reinstated on July 27, 2010.

The five employees are members of the IBEW. These employees have chosen Willi Stroh as their steward. Willi would be more than happy to assist any Birkel employee with an issue they have on the job or with management, all you have to do is ask him.

At the printing of this article, Birkel Electric is under investigation by the Federal Government for continued alleged violations of workers' rights.

BIRKEL FOUGHT THE LAW AND GUESS WHO WON?



The settlement agreement had a no admission clause but, the workers are back to work. Pictured above are the five employees holding their back pay checks TOTALING \$35,000+

KNOW YOUR SECTION 7 RIGHTS

EMPLOYEES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELF-ORGANIZATION, TO FORM, JOIN, OR ASSIST LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, TO BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY THROUGH REPRESENTATIVES **OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING**, AND TO ENGAGE IN OTHER CONCERTED ACTIVITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OR OTHER MUTUAL AID OR PROTECTION.....

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL 57 SETTLES FEDERAL CHARGES

INSTEAD OF APPEARING BEFORE AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, CARPENTERS LOCAL 57 SETTLED THE FEDERAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST THEM. CARPENTERS LOCAL 57 HAD TO REIMBURSE ALL BIRKEL EMPLOYEES ANY AND ALL DUES, SUPPLEMENTAL DUES, MARKET RECOVERY CONTRIBUTIONS, INITIATION FEES, VACATION STAMP DEDUCTIONS, AND ANY OTHER MONIES PAID OR DEDUCTED FROM THEIR CHECK.

TOTAL PAID BACK TO THE BIRKEL ELECTRIC EMPLOYEES BY CARPENTERS LOCAL 57 **\$76,000+**

Unconditional Spouse insurance coverage

The carpenter insurance program makes it mandatory for your spouse to purchase insurance; if insurance is offered from the spouse's employer that insurance **MUST BE PURCHASED.**

IBEW health insurance has no restrictions on the spouse of an IBEW electrician.

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