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Federal Charge Filed Against Batesville-Based Linkel Co.

Laborers Local 120 Alleges Violations of Federal Labor Law

Indianapolis, August 11, 2011: Laborers Local 120 has filed an Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) charge with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) against Linkel Co., a Batesville Indiana based contractor. The charge, filed with Region 25 of the NLRB, alleges that Linkel management personnel threatened to call the police on two Union Organizers for attempting to talk with employees about the benefits of being union members.

The charge also alleges that a Linkel management person then instructed Linkel workers not to talk with the Union Organizers even though they were on their lunch break and on public property.

Under federal law, employees are free to talk with Union Organizers on non-work time in non-work areas without interference or intimidation from employers. This ensures that employees are free to hear both sides of the unionization debate.

Ward Daniels, Business Manager of Local 120, said of the ULP charge, "Under federal law, workers may freely choose union representation and Local 120 will fight tirelessly to defend those rights. This is still the United States of America and workers do have rights."

Laborers Local 120 represents over 2400 workers in Central Indiana.

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