



**PRESS RELEASE**

***Former Baltimore City Department of Public Works Employee  
Pleads Guilty to Stealing Scrap Meters***

***Ordered to Pay \$30,000 in Restitution to the City of Baltimore***

**BALTIMORE, Md.** — Bryan Curtis Richburg, age 50, of Baltimore, Maryland, pleaded guilty on December 11, 2017, in the Circuit Court Baltimore City to Theft Scheme: \$10k-\$100k. He was sentenced this week to ten years' incarceration with all suspended except time served and three years supervised probation. Judge Charles Peters, also ordered Richburg to pay \$30,000 in restitution to the City of Baltimore.

The case was jointly investigated by the Baltimore City Office of the Inspector General (OIG), agents of the City Department of Public Works, and the Baltimore Police Department. The OIG received a complaint about the theft of water meters from the storerooms of the Department of Public Works. An investigation, including targeted surveillance, revealed that over less than three years, Mr. Richburg stole 23,575 pounds (11.5 tons) of mixed brass consisting of scrap water meters, belonging to the City of Baltimore. The City would have received payment for the metal through its recycling contractor in an amount in excess of \$30,000.

Inspector General Isabel Mercedes Cumming commended the BPD and DPW for their work in the investigation. Former OIG Agent Peter Flack, who is now with the FBI, and BPD Detective Wayne Sponsky, led the investigation and Assistant Baltimore City State's Attorney Alexander Huggins prosecuted the case.

