Former NAPWA Executive Director Frank Oldham Sentenced to Six Months for Embezzlement

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Frank Oldham, the former executive director of the U.S. National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), was sentenced to six months in jail after pleading guilty to embezzling money in 2012 from the now-defunct group, the Washington Blade reports.

After 30 years of advocacy work, NAPWA declared bankruptcy and closed its doors in February 2013. It was the first organization representing people living with AIDS.

The sentence was originally for five years, but the Montgomery County, Maryland, judge suspended all but six months, which he began serving immediately. Oldham was also sentenced to three years of supervised probation and ordered to partake in alcohol-related testing and treatment if needed.

The Blade reports that, as part of his plea bargain, Oldham paid $11,238 in restitution.

Several leaders in the HIV/AIDS community wrote letters in support of Oldham's history of advocacy.

For more about NAPWA and its history, read the POZ blog "Remembering NAPWA" by Paul Kawata, the executive director of the National Minority AIDS Council.

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