

# AFSCME files charges against Benton Harbor

AFSCME Local 1433, the union representing employees of the city of Benton Harbor, has filed five unfair labor-practice charges with the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. The charges allege contract violations stemming from layoffs initiated in July.

AFSCME staff representative Jerome Buchanan accused City Manager Richard Marsh of threatening to lay off 13 union employees if AFSCME didn't agree to his proposals.

The charges are scheduled for a hearing in January.