UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO.:

ALBERTO MUNOZ-CANO and all others)
similarly situated under 29 U.S.C. 216(b),)
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Plaintiff,)
VS.)
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ANTONIO OTERO, D.D.S., P.A.,) \
DR. OTERO DENTAL CENTER, P.A.,) }
DENTAL COSMETICS OF FLORIDA, P.A.,	<i>)</i>
ANTONIO OTERO,	,)
TERESA OTERO,)
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Defendants.)
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COMPLAINT UNDER 29 U.S.C. 201- 216 OVERTIME AND MINIMUM WAGE VIOLATIONS

Plaintiff, ALBERTO MUNOZ-CANO on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated under 29 U.S.C. 216(b), through undersigned counsel, files this Complaint against Defendants, ANTONIO OTERO, D.D.S., P.A., DR. OTERO DENTAL CENTER, P.A., DENTAL COSMETICS OF FLORIDA, P.A., ANTONIO OTERO, and TERESA OTERO, and alleges:

- 1. This is an action arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act 29 U.S.C. §§ 201-216.
- 2. The Plaintiff was a resident of Dade County, Florida at the time that this dispute arose.
- 3. The Defendant ANTONIO OTERO, D.D.S., P.A., is a corporation that regularly transacts business within Dade County. Upon information and belief, the Defendant Corporation was the joint FLSA employer for Plaintiff's respective period of employment ("the relevant time period").
- 4. The Defendant DR. OTERO DENTAL CENTER, P.A., is a corporation that regularly transacts business within Dade County. Upon information and belief, the Defendant

- Corporation was the joint FLSA employer for the relevant time period.
- 5. The Defendant DENTAL COSMETICS OF FLORIDA, P.A., is a corporation that regularly transacts business within Dade County. Upon information and belief, the Defendant Corporation was the joint FLSA employer for the relevant time period.
- 6. The individual Defendant ANTONIO OTERO is a corporate officer and/or owner and/or manager of the Defendant Corporation who ran the day-to-day operations of the Corporate Defendant for the relevant time period and was responsible for paying Plaintiff's wages for the relevant time period and controlled Plaintiff's work and schedule and was therefore Plaintiff's employer as defined by 29 U.S.C. 203 (d).
- 7. The individual Defendant TERESA OTERO is a corporate officer and/or owner and/or manager of the Defendant Corporation who ran the day-to-day operations of the Corporate Defendant for the relevant time period and was responsible for paying Plaintiff's wages for the relevant time period and controlled Plaintiff's work and schedule and was therefore Plaintiff's employer as defined by 29 U.S.C. 203 (d).
- 8. All acts or omissions giving rise to this dispute took place in Dade County.

COUNT I. FEDERAL OVERTIME WAGE VIOLATION

- 9. This action arises under the laws of the United States. This case is brought as a collective action under 29 USC 216(b). It is believed that the Defendants have employed several other similarly situated employees like Plaintiff who have not been paid overtime and/or minimum wages for work performed in excess of 40 hours weekly from the filing of this complaint back three years.
- 10. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 as this case is brought pursuant to

- The Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201-219 (section #216 for jurisdictional placement).
- 11. 29 U.S.C. § 207 (a) (1) states, "Except as otherwise provided in this section, no employer shall employ any of his employees who in any workweek is engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, or is employed in an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, for a workweek longer than forty hours unless such employee receives compensation for his employment in excess of the hours above specified at a rate not less than one and one-half times the regular rate at which he is employed."
- 12. Plaintiff worked for Defendants from on or about September 1, 2015 through on or about March 31, 2017. Plaintiff worked for Defendants at Defendants' farm as a security guard, overall property maintenance man, and tending to customers' purchasing produce. Plaintiff also performed construction and remodeling work for Defendants' properties including Defendants' residence, Defendants' dental offices, and Defendants' shopping center.
- 13. Defendants' business activities involve those to which the Fair Labor Standards Act applies. Both the Defendants' business and the Plaintiff's work for the Defendants affected interstate commerce for the relevant time period. Plaintiff's work for the Defendants affected interstate commerce for the relevant time period because the materials and goods that Plaintiff used on a constant and/or continual basis and/or that were supplied to him by the Defendants to use on the job moved through interstate commerce prior to and/or subsequent to Plaintiff's use of the same. The Plaintiff's work for the Defendants was actually in and/or so closely related to the movement of commerce while he worked for the Defendants that the Fair Labor Standards Act applies to Plaintiff's work for the Defendants.
- 14. Additionally, Defendants regularly employed two or more employees for the relevant time

- period who handled goods or materials that travelled through interstate commerce, or used instrumentalities of interstate commerce, thus making Defendant's business an enterprise covered under the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- 15. Upon information and belief, Defendants own several other dental offices/businesses throughout South Florida and are joint enterprises as defined by 29 U.S.C. 203(r) as the related activities between Defendants and several other juice bars/businesses throughout South Florida are performed through unified operation and/or common control, are being done for a common business purpose and there is cross-utilization of employees during the same work weeks simultaneously benefiting all Companies which are operated by the same company officers for a common business purpose.
- 16. Upon information and belief, the Defendant Corporation had gross sales or business done in excess of \$500,000 annually for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016.
- 17. Upon information and belief, the Defendant Corporation's gross sales or business done is expected to exceed \$125,000 for the first three months of the year 2017 and is expected to exceed \$500,000 for the year 2017.
- 18. Upon information and belief, Defendants, ANTONIO OTERO, D.D.S., P.A., DR. OTERO DENTAL CENTER, P.A., and DENTAL COSMETICS OF FLORIDA, P.A., are joint enterprises as defined by 29 U.S.C. 203(r) as the related activities between the companies, performed through unified operation and/or common control, are being done for a common business purpose.
- 19. Upon information and belief, Defendants, ANTONIO OTERO, D.D.S., P.A., DR. OTERO DENTAL CENTER, P.A., DENTAL COSMETICS OF FLORIDA, P.A., were each Plaintiff's joint employer during Plaintiff's employment with the Defendant Companies as

- the work performed by Plaintiff simultaneously benefited all Defendant Companies who were responsible for controlling Plaintiff's hours, determining Plaintiff's pay and which were operated by the same company officers for a common business purpose.
- 20. Individual Defendant ANTONIO OTERO was Plaintiff's individual employer pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §203(d) as set forth above.
- 21. Individual Defendant TERESA OTERO was Plaintiff's individual employer pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §203(d) as set forth above.
- 22. 29 C.F.R. 785.22 states also that "[w]here an employee is required to be on duty for 24 hours or more, the employer and the employee may agree to exclude bona fide meal periods and a bona fide regularly scheduled sleeping period of not more than 8 hours from hours worked, provided adequate sleeping facilities are furnished by the employer and the employee can usually enjoy an uninterrupted night's sleep. If sleeping period is of more than 8 hours, only 8 hours will be credited. Where no expressed or implied agreement to the contrary is present, the 8 hours of sleeping time and lunch periods constitute hours worked. If the sleeping period is interrupted by a call to duty, the interruption must be counted as hours worked. If the period is interrupted to such an extent that the employee cannot get a reasonable night's sleep, the entire period must be counted." It further states that "if the employee cannot get at least 5 hours' sleep during the scheduled period the entire time is working time."
- 23. Between the period of on or about September 1, 2015 through on or about March 31, 2017, Plaintiff worked an average of 112 hours a week for Defendants, including the security guard work performed on Defendants' farm, not regularly getting more than 4 hours of sleep per night, and should have been paid at least the applicable minimum wage rate per hour however Plaintiff was never paid anything at all for any hours worked over 40 hours in a

week as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act. Plaintiff therefore claims the time-and-a-half overtime rate for each hour worked above 40 in a week based on the applicable minimum wage rate.

24. Defendants willfully and intentionally refused to pay Plaintiff's overtime wages as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act as Defendants knew of the overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act and recklessly failed to investigate whether Defendants' payroll practices were in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. Defendants remain owing Plaintiff these wages since the commencement of Plaintiff's employment with Defendants for the time period specified above.

Wherefore, the Plaintiff requests double damages and reasonable attorney fees from Defendants, jointly and severally, pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act as cited above, to be proven at the time of trial for all overtime wages still owing from Plaintiff's entire employment period with Defendants or as much as allowed by the Fair Labor Standards Act along with court costs, interest, and any other relief that this Court finds reasonable under the circumstances. *The Plaintiff requests a trial by jury*.

COUNT II. FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE VIOLATION

COMES NOW PLAINTIFF, through Counsel, and re-adopts the factual and jurisdictional statements in paragraphs 1-24 above and further states:

25. 29 U.S.C. § 206 (a) (1) states "Every employer shall pay to each of his employees who in any workweek is engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, or is

employed in an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, wages at the following rates: except as otherwise provided in this section, not less than-\$5.85 an hour, beginning on the 60th day after May 25, 2007; \$6.55 an hour, beginning 12 months after that 60th day; and \$7.25 an hour, beginning 24 months after that 60th day..."

[29 U.S.C. § 206 (a) (1)]". On July 24, 2007 Federal minimum wage was raised to \$5.85/hr. On July 24, 2008, Federal minimum wage was raised to \$6.55/hr. On July 24, 2009, Federal minimum wage was raised to \$7.25/hr.

- 26. Between the period of on or about September 1, 2015 through on or about March 31, 2017, Plaintiff worked an average of 112 hours a week for Defendants, including the security guard work performed on Defendants' farm, not regularly getting more than 4 hours of sleep per night. Plaintiff was paid \$0.00/hr for said work in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act as said payment of \$0.00/hr did not meet the applicable Federal Minimum Wage required for said period of time. Therefore, Plaintiff claims difference between his average hourly rate of \$0.00/hr and the applicable minimum wage rate of \$7.25/hr for all hours worked.
- 27. The Defendants wage payment practices to Plaintiff for this time period did not meet the federal minimum wage law requirements as Plaintiff was not paid the required federal minimum wage for all hours worked and is therefore claiming federal minimum wage violations.
- 28. Defendants willfully and intentionally refused to pay Plaintiff's minimum wages as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act as Defendants knew of the Federal Minimum Wage requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act and recklessly failed to investigate whether Defendants' payroll practices were in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. Defendants remain owing Plaintiff these wages since the commencement of Plaintiff's

employment with Defendants for the time period specified above.

Wherefore, Plaintiff requests double damages and reasonable attorney fees from the Defendants, jointly and severally, pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act and as cited above, to be proven at the time of trial for all minimum wages still owing from Plaintiff's entire employment period with Defendants or, as much as allowed by the Fair Labor Standards Act -- whichever is greater along with court costs, interest, and any other relief that this Court finds reasonable under the circumstances. *The Plaintiff requests a trial by jury*.

Respectfully Submitted,

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SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) TERESA OTERO 209 S.E. 1st St Miami, FL 33131

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

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If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

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To: ANTONIO OTERO, D.D.S., P.A. Registered Agent: Antonio Otero 782 NW 42 Ave Suite 538 Miami, Fl 33126

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS MUNOZ-CANO, ALBERTO, and all others similarly situated under 29 U.S.C. 216(b), (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Miami-Dade (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) (c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)			ANTONIO OTERO, D.D.S., P.A., County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED. Attorneys (If Known)		
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- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- **II. Jurisdiction**. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

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Refiled (3) Attach copy of Order for Dismissal of Previous case. Also complete VI.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

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Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (8) Check this box if remanded from Appellate Court.

- VI. Related/Refiled Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases or re-filed cases. Insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judges name for such cases.
- VII. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VIII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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