# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

on behalf of other similarly situated,	) )
Plaintiff,	) Case No.: 8:18-cv-2743
v.	)
MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. d/b/a THE TIRE CHOICE & TOTAL CAR CARE,	) ) )
Defendant.	) )

### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441 and 1446, Defendant Monro, Inc. (sued herein as "Monro Muffler Brake, Inc. d/b/a The Tire Choice & Total Car Care") ("Monro"), by and through its undersigned attorney, submits this Notice of Removal and states as follows:

1. On or about October 15, 2018, a complaint in the above-captioned action was filed by the Plaintiff in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, Civil Division, entitled *Scott Naszkiewicz v. Monro Muffler Brake, Inc.*, No. 18-CA-010091 (the "State Court"). Plaintiff issued the Summons and Complaint to Monro and it was received by Monro on or about October 18, 2018. The action is now pending in the State Court. A copy of Docket Sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit A, the Summons and Complaint (collectively the "Pleadings") are attached hereto as Exhibit B, the Civil Cover Sheet is Attached hereto as Exhibit C, and all remaining State Court Documents are attached hereto as Exhibit D. These documents constitute all process, pleadings and orders purportedly served in the action.

- 2. By statute "any civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or the defendants, to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending." *Metro. Life Ins. Co. v. Taylor*, 481 U.S. 58, 62 (1987) (quoting 28 U. S. C. § 1441(a)). One category of cases over which the district courts have original jurisdiction are "federal question" cases; that is, those cases "arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States." *Id.* (citing 28 U. S.C. § 1331). This action involves claims for violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq* a federal statute. Therefore, this Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and is removable to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).
- 3. This Notice of Removal is being filed with this Court within thirty (30) days after service on Monro. Therefore, this Notice of Removal is being filed in a timely manner pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
- 4. The State Court action is pending within the area of the Middle District of Florida. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).
- 5. Written notice of filing of this Notice of Removal will be given to Plaintiff, and a copy will be filed in the State Court, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).
- 6. In filing this Notice of Removal, Monro does not waive any defenses that may be available to it.

WHEREFORE, Monro respectfully submits that this Notice of Removal complies with the statutory removal requirements and respectfully requests that the action now proceeding against it, entitled *Scott Naszkiewicz v. Monro Muffler Brake, Inc.*, No. 18-CA-010091, be removed from the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, Civil Division, that this

action proceed in this Court as a properly removed action, and that the Monro have such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: November 7, 2018 Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Defendant

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 7th day of November, 2018, I caused the foregoing Notice of Removal to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida by using the CM/ECF system. A copy of the foregoing was served via electronic mail on:

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# **EXHIBIT A**



Case Number: 18-CA-010091

Uniform Case Number: 292018CA010091A001HC

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# **EXHIBIT B**

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

SCOTT NASZKIEWICZ, Individually
and on behalf of others similarly situated

CASE NO.

Plaintiffs,

VS.

MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. d/b/a THE TIRE CHOICE & TOTAL CAR CARE,

Defendant.		

#### **COMPLAINT**

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, SCOTT NASZKIEWICZ, (hereinafter referred to as "PLAINTIFF"), pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq., by and through his undersigned counsel and sues the Defendant, MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. d/b/a THE TIRE CHOICE & TOTAL CAR CARE, (hereinafter referred to as "DEFENDANT") and states as follows:

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 1. This is an action for damages in excess of \$15,000.00.
- 2. Venue lies within Hillsborough County because a substantial part of the events giving rise to this claim arose in this Judicial District.

#### **PARTIES**

- 3. Plaintiff at all times material hereto was a resident of Pinellas County, Florida.
- 4. Defendant is a foreign corporation licensed and authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida and doing business within Hillsborough County.
  - 5 Defendant is an employer as defined by the laws under which this action is

brought and employs the required number of employees.

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 6. At all times material, Plaintiff was qualified to perform his job within the legitimate expectations of his employer.
- 7. Plaintiff has been required to retain the undersigned counsel to represent him in this action and is obligated to pay them a reasonable fee for their services.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 8. Plaintiff was employed by Defendant from approximately October 2014 through October 1, 2017 in the position of Service Technician.
  - 9. Plaintiff was paid on an hourly basis throughout his employment with Defendant.
  - 10. Plaintiff regularly and routinely worked over forty (40) hours in a work week.
- 11. Plaintiff was not paid time and a one-half his regular hourly rate for each and every hour that he worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week for all weeks that he worked.
- 12. Specifically, Plaintiff was required to clock out at the end of his shift and stay to "close out paperwork" and lock up the store, which amounted to approximately fifteen to twenty minutes per day.
- 13. Plaintiff was required to perform these off the clock duties on every shift that he worked and was not compensated for this time.

# COUNT I FAIR LABOR STANDARD ACT

14. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs one (1) through thirteen (13) as though set forth fully herein.

- 15. The employment of Plaintiff provided for a forty (40) hour work week but, throughout his employment, Plaintiff was required to work and did work a substantial number of hours in excess of forty (40) hours per work week.
- 16. At all times material herein, Defendant failed to comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq., in that Plaintiff worked for the Defendant in excess of the maximum hours provided by law, but no provision was made by Defendant to compensate Plaintiff at the rate of time and one-half (1½) her regular rate of pay for the hours worked over forty (40) in a work week.
- 17. Defendant's failure to pay Plaintiff the required overtime pay was knowingly intentional, and willful.
- 18. As a direct and legal consequence of Defendant's violations of the FLSA, Plaintiff has suffered damages by being denied overtime wages in accordance with the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq. including § 207 and § 216(b), including, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. Overtime compensation;
  - b. Liquidated damages;
  - c. Prejudgment and post-judgment interest;
  - d. Attorney's fees and costs;
  - e. Equitable relief declaring and mandating the cessation of Defendant's unlawful pay policy; and
  - f. All other relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

### **COUNT II**

19. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs one (1) through thirteen (13) as though set forth fully herein.

- 20. At all times material, Defendant employed numerous individuals who were paid in a similar manner to Plaintiff. Such individuals were similarly situated to Plaintiff with respect to the terms and conditions of their employment.
- 21. Throughout their employment, individuals similarly situated to Plaintiff were required to work and did work a substantial number of hours in excess of forty (40) hours per work week.
- 22. At all times material, Defendant failed to comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq, et seq., in that individuals similarly situated to Plaintiff worked for Defendant in excess of the maximum hours provided by law, but no provision was made by Defendant to compensate such individuals at the rate of time and one-half for hours worked in excess of forty (40).
- 23. Defendant's failure to pay such similarly situated individuals the required overtime pay was intentional and willful.
- 24. As a direct and legal consequence of Defendant's unlawful acts, individuals similarly situated to Plaintiff have suffered damages and have incurred, or will incur, costs and attorneys' fees in the prosecution of this matter.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff individually and on behalf of others similarly situated, demand a trial by jury and judgment against Defendant for an amount within the jurisdictional limits of this Court, to wit: More than Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars, plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees, and for such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff requests a jury trial on all issues so triable.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION

Scott Naszkiewicz, Individually and on behalf of others similary situtated	CASE NO.:
Plaintiff(s)	
VS.	DIVISION:
Monro Muffler Brake, Inc. d/b/a The Tire Choice & Total Car Care	
Defendant(s)	

## REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS -CIRCUIT CIVIL

This is a request for issuance of service of process by the Clerk of court as follows:					
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Mailing No Mailing					
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Party information:	Attorney/Plaintiff Information				
Party To Be Served:	Name of Attorney or Plaintiff Contact:				
Name: Monro Muffler Brake, Inc. d/b/a The T	Wolfgang M. Florin, Esquire				
Address: 1200 S. Pine Island Road	Address: 16524 Pointe Village Drive, Ste. 100				
City/State/Zip: Plantation, FL 33324	City/State/Zip: Plantation, FL 33324  City/State/Zip: Lutz, Florida 33558				
	Atty Phone Number: 727-254-5255				
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# **EXHIBIT C**

#### **FORM 1.997. CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The civil cover sheet and the information contained in it neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other documents as required by law. This form must be filed by the plaintiff or petitioner for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to section 25.075, Florida Statutes. (See instructions for completion.)

#### I. CASE STYLE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE <u>THIRTEENTH</u> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Scott Naszkiewicz Plaintiff vs.  Monro Muffler Brake Inc Defendant	Juage	
II. TYPE OF CASE		
		Non-homestead residential foreclosure \$250,00 or more
☐ Condominium		Other real property actions \$0 - \$50,000
☐ Contracts and indebtedness		Other real property actions \$50,001 - \$249,999
☐ Eminent domain		Other real property actions \$250,000 or more
☐ Auto negligence	<del> </del>	Other real property actions \$200,000 or more
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		 Malpractice – medical
<ul><li>☐ Environmental/Toxic tort</li><li>☐ Third party indemnification</li></ul>		☐ Malpractice – other professional
☐ Construction defect	$\boxtimes$	Other
☐ Mass tort		Antitrust/Trade Regulation
☐ Negligent security		Business Transaction
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☐ Premises liability – commercial		Constitutional challenge-statute or
☐ Premises liability – residential		ordinance
☐ Products liability		Constitutional challenge-proposed
☐ Real Property/Mortgage foreclosure		amendment

Corporate Trusts

Insurance claims

Libel/Slander

Trade secrets
Trust litigation

Intellectual property

Securities litigation

Discrimination-employment or other

Shareholder derivative action

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Commercial foreclosure \$0 - \$50,000

Commercial foreclosure \$50,001 - \$249,999

Homestead residential foreclosure \$0 - 50,000

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Non-homestead residential foreclosure

Commercial foreclosure \$250,000 or more

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# **COMPLEX BUSINESS COURT**

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III.	REMEDIES SOUGHT (check all that apply):  ☑ Monetary; □ Non-monetary declaratory or injunctive relief; □ Punitive
IV.	NUMBER OF CAUSES OF ACTION: ( ) (Specify)
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V.	IS THIS CASE A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT?  ☐ Yes ☐ No
VI.	HAS NOTICE OF ANY KNOWN RELATED CASE BEEN FILED?  ☑ No ☐ Yes – If "yes" list all related cases by name, case number and court:
VII.	IS JURY TRIAL DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT?  ☑ Yes ☐ No
	that the information I have provided in this cover sheet is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and read and will comply with the requirements of Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.425.
	Wolfgang M Florin FL Bar No.: 907804 (Bar number, if attorney)
Wo	(Type or print name)  Date

# **EXHIBIT D**

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

and on behalf of others similarly situated,			
Plaintiffs,	CASE NO.		
VS.			
MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. d/b/a THE TIRE CHOICE & TOTAL CAR CARE,			
Defendant.			
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Name of Attorney: Wolfgang M. Florin			
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Phone Number: <u>(727)</u> 254-5255			

Email Addresses: wolfgang@fgbolaw.com; tina@fgbolaw.com

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<ul> <li>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</li> <li>Scott Naskiewicz, Individually and on behalf of others similarly situated</li> <li>(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Pinellas County, Florida         (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)</li> </ul>				DEFENDANTS  Monro Muffler Brake, Inc. d/b/a The Tire Choice & Total Car Care  County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Monroe County, New York  (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)  NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.										
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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

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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.Cv.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; **NOTE: 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 there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
- **V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
  - Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
  - Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
  - Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
  - Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date. Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
  - Multidistrict Litigation Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407
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- VI. 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
- VII. 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 actual dollar amount 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.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

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

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