#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FORT LAUDERDALE DIVISION

CASE NO.:	
FREDNER BOURSIQUOT, and other similarly situated non-exempt employees,	
Plaintiff,	
vs.	
SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC., a foreign profit corporation, and DON W. WALKER, individually,	
Defendants.	
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#### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

TO: The Judges of the United States District Court For the Southern District of Florida

Defendant, SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC. ("Securitas"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files this Notice of Removal ("Notice") of the action pending in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. In support of this Notice, Securitas states as follows:

#### BACKGROUND AND TIMELINESS OF REMOVAL

- 1. Plaintiff, FREDNER BOURSIQUOT ("Boursiquot"), commenced an action against Securitas in the Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida, Case No. 18-004370. All pleadings and papers that have been filed and served in that action are attached to this Notice as Exhibit A.
- 2. Securitas was served with the Complaint on February 27, 2018, and, therefore, this notice is timely filed within 30 days of Securitas' receipt of the Complaint, as required under 28

U.S.C. § 1446(b)(1). No further proceedings have been held herein, nor have any other pleadings or papers been filed other than those attached hereto as Exhibit A.

#### **GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL - FEDERAL QUESTION**

- 3. This Court has original jurisdiction over the action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, which gives federal district courts original jurisdiction "of all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States."
- 4. In his Complaint, Boursiquot alleges that he is a former employee of Securitas who he claims was unlawfully terminated on the basis of his race, in violation of the Florida Civil Rights Act (the "FCRA") (Count 1); in retaliation for complaining about alleged discrimination in the workplace, also in violation of the FCRA (Count 2); and in retaliation for complaining about allegedly unpaid overtime wages, in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act (the "FLSA") (Count 6). Each of these counts arises out of the same common nucleus of operative fact *i.e.*, the facts surrounding and reasons ultimately underlying Boursiquot's termination.
- 5. Boursiquot also brings two additional, related counts under the FSLA, claiming that both Securitas (Count 4) and Defendant Don W. Walker ("Walker") (Count 5) failed to pay him overtime pay for all hours worked in excess of forty per workweek. Presumably, the alleged complaints that Boursiquot claims form the basis of his FLSA retaliatory discharge claim (Count 6) concerned the allegedly unpaid overtime wages he alleges he is due.
- 6. Additionally, Boursiquot brings a hostile work environment claim under the FCRA (Count 3). Again, presumably, the alleged complaints that Boursiquot claims form the basis of his FCRA retaliatory discharge claim (Count 2) concerned the hostile work environment he alleges to have suffered.

- 7. Counts 4, 5, and 6 of Boursiquot's Complaint arise under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.* Because the FLSA is "a law of the United States," this Court has federal question jurisdiction over Counts 4, 5, and 6 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 8. Counts 1, 2, and 3 of Boursiquot's Complaint arise out of the same common nucleus of operate fact as Counts 4, 5 and 6, such that all claims "form part of the same case or controversy" and should be tried together in a single judicial proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a). *See United Mine Workers v. Gibbs*, 383 U.S. 715 (1966). More specifically, *all* of Boursiquot's claims involve the reasons underlying his termination from Securitas and the substance of the complaints that Boursiquot alleges, in part, gave rise to his termination.
- 9. Because Boursiquot's state law claims under the FCRA form part of the same case or controversy as his federal claims under the FLSA, this Court may properly exercise supplemental jurisdiction over Counts 1, 2, and 3 of Boursiquot's Complaint.
- 10. None of the specifically delineated reasons for declining the exercise of supplemental jurisdiction exist in this case. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1367(c). Namely, Boursiquot's FCRA claims do not raise a novel or complex issue of state law and will not predominate over his FLSA claims.

#### ALL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL HAVE BEEN MET

- 11. Based on the above, this is a civil action over which this Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and § 1367(a), and, consequently, that may be removed to this Court by Securitas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).
- 12. Securitas has given written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal to all adverse parties as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d) and has filed a copy of this Notice of Removal

with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County,

Florida. Upon information and belief, no other defendant has been properly joined or served in

this action.

13. This action was originally brought in Broward County, Florida, which is located

within the Southern District of Florida, Fort Lauderdale Division. Therefore, venue is proper

because the action is being removed to the district court of the United States for the "district and

division embracing the place where such action is pending" or should be pending, as required by

28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

14. By filing this Notice of Removal, Securitas does not waive and expressly reserves

all rights, claims, and defenses, including, without limitation, all defenses relating to jurisdiction,

venue, service of process, right to compel arbitration, and personal jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Securitas requests that the above-described action now pending in the

Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida be removed

therefrom to this Court.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Meagan L. Martin

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COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT SECURITAS

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on March 19, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been electronically filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notice of electronic filing to the following:

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<a href="mailto:Miami">Miami</a>, Florida 33130

s/Meagan L. Martin
Meagan L. Martin

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#### **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.) NOTICE: Attorneys MUST Indicate All Re-filed Cases Below.

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- Disposition(s)

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#### NRAI SERVICES, INC.

#### SERVICE OF PROCESS SUMMARY TRANSMITTAL FORM

To: JOSIAH ROCHA

Securitas Security Services USA, Inc.

4330 Park Terrace Dr Westlake Village, CA 91361-4630 SOP Transmittal # 532872763

954-473-5503 - Telephone

Entity Served: SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC. (Domestic State: DELAWARE)

Enclosed herewith are legal documents received on behalf of the above captioned entity by NRAI Services, Inc. or its Affiliate in the State

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Defendants.

#### SUMMONS IN A CIVIL CASE

TO: SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC, through its Registered Agent:

NRAI SERVICES, INC 1200 South Pine Island Road Plantation, FL 33324

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY

JASON S. REMER, ESQ. REMER & GEORGES-PIERRE, PLLC 44 WEST FLAGLER STREET SUITE 2200 MIAMI, FL 33130

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You must also file your answer with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable period of time after service.

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TO: DON W. WALKER

180 N. STETSON AVENUE, #1975 CHICAGO, IL 60601

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#### **COMPLAINT**

(OPT-IN PURSUANT TO 29 U.S.C § 216(B))

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, FREDNER BOURSIQUOT ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and other employees and former employees similarly situated, by and through undersigned counsel, files this Complaint against Defendants, SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC a Foreign Profit Corporation and DON W. WALKER, Individually ("Defendant(s)") and states as follows:

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This action seeks damages in excess of \$15,000.00, independent of attorney's fees, costs, and interest, as a result of Defendants' race discrimination against Plaintiff in violation of the Florida Civil Rights Act, §760.01, et seq., Florida Statutes ("FCRA"). Additionally, this is an action by the Plaintiff and other similarly-situated individuals for damages pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended (29 U.S.C. §201, et seq.,

hereinafter called the "FLSA") to recover unpaid overtime compensation, and an additional equal amount as liquidated damages, obtain declaratory relief, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

- 2. The jurisdiction of the Court over this controversy is based upon 29 U.S.C. §216(b),
- 3. Plaintiff was at all times relevant to this action, and continues to be, a resident Broward County Florida, within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court. Plaintiff is a covered employee for purposes of the FCRA and FLSA.
- 4. Plaintiff was at all relevant times an employee of Defendants.
- Defendants, SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC., having his main place of business in Broward County, Florida, where Plaintiff worked for Defendants and at all times material hereto was and is engaged in interstate commerce.
- 6. Defendant(s) is accordingly an "employer" as defined by the FCRA and FLSA.
- 7. Plaintiff alleges causes of action for race discrimination under the FCRA.
- 8. Venue is proper in Broward because all of the actions that form the basis of this Complaint occurred within Broward Count, payment was due in Broward County and discrimination took place in Broward County.
- 9. As more fully set forth below, Plaintiff filed a Charge of Discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") on July 26, 2017, claiming discrimination based on race (Attached herein as Exhibit A).
- 10. Plaintiff has accordingly exhausted his administrative remedies prior to initiating the instant suit.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

11. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants from approximately December 8, 2016 through on or about May 28, 2017 as a non-exempt security officer.

### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO THE Florida Civil Rights Act

- 12. Plaintiff reasserts his allegations in paragraph I-11 as if fully set forth herein.
- 13. Plaintiff is a black male individual and a covered employee for purposes of the FCRA and the FLSA.
- 14. Plaintiff was directly supervised by Tabata-Last Name Unknown (White-Director of Security) ("Tabata"), who was authorized to act on behalf of Defendants.
- 15. Throughout his employment with Defendants, Plaintiff performed his duties in an exemplary fashion. However, Plaintiff was subjected to pervasive and continued negative treatment based on his race.
- 16. Plaintiff was discriminated against by Defendants through the Director of Security Tabata based on his race.
- 17. Approximately on or about December 2016, Management through Tabata stated she was going to fire Black employees.
- 18. Tabata changed Plaintiff's position and reduced his rate of pay to eleven (\$11.00) dollars an hour in discrimination of his race.
- 19. During Plaintiff's employment, Tabata terminated and/or constructively discharged other black employees as Tabata favors white employees.
- 20. Plaintiff complained to Human Resources about Tabata's discriminatory treatment because of his race and his complaints were ignored.
- 21. Defendant(s) did not address Plaintiff complaints of discrimination.

- 22. Defendants created a hostile work environment because of Plaintiff's race, black.
- 23. Plaintiff was fire and/or constructively discharged on or about May 28, 2017, in retaliation for his complaints of discrimination due to his race, black.
- 24. Plaintiff has retained the undersigned counsel in order that his rights and interests may be protected.

### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO THE Fair Labor Standards Act

- 25. Plaintiff reasserts his allegations in paragraph 1-11 as if fully set forth herein.
- 26. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff and Defendants were engaged in an implied agreement whereby Plaintiff would be employed by Defendants and that Plaintiff would be properly paid as provided for by, and not in violation of, the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.
- 27. During Plaintiff's employment, Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff the required overtime and/or minimum wages at a rate of one and a half times Plaintiff's regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) within a single work week.
- 28. At all times material hereto Defendants had or should have had full knowledge of all hours worked by Plaintiff, including those hours worked by Plaintiff in excess of forty (40) in a given week.
- 29. Plaintiff was paid approximately eleven dollars (\$11.00) per hours worked weekly.
- 30. During the relevant time period Plaintiff performed approximately fifteen (15) hours of overtime each week for which Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff at one-and-one-half times his regular rate of pay.
- On or about January 2017, Plaintiff complained about unpaid overtime wages and no remedial action was taken.

32. Plaintiff was constructively discharged on or about May 28, 2017.

# COUNT I DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE IN VIOLATION OF THE FLORIDA CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

- 33. Plaintiff re-adopts each and every factual allegation as stated in paragraphs 1-23 of this complaint as if set out in full herein.
- 34. At all time material hereto, Defendants failed to comply with the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 Florida Statues Section 760.10 which in its relevant section states it is an unlawful employment practice for an employer to discriminate or discharge or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individuals race, color, or age.
- 35. The applicable statute, FCRA, prohibits an employer from making employment decisions, or from taking any personnel action, affecting the terms, conditions and privileges of one's employment, based upon race considerations or reasons.
- 36. The Plaintiff is a black male and he possessed the requisite qualifications and skills to perform his position with Defendants.
- 37. The Plaintiff was subjected to disparate treatment in the work place, in that similarly situated; non-black employees were allowed better work opportunities.
- 38. The Plaintiff was terminated as a result of his race and the reasons given by Defendants, if any, for her termination are mere pretext for illegal discrimination.
- 39. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants unlawful acts, Plaintiff has suffered great and irreparable economic harm and other associated losses such as emotional distress, humiliation, embarrassment, and economic losses.

- 40. Moreover, as a further result of the Defendants unlawful race based discriminatory conduct, the Plaintiff has been compelled to file this action and he has incurred the costs of litigation.
- 41. Plaintiff was qualified for his position with Defendants.
- 42. Defendants violated the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 (FCRA) by discriminating against Plaintiff because of his race in the terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.
- 43. Defendants retaliated against Plaintiff after complaints of race discrimination and failed to address complaints of discrimination.
- 44. The Defendants' actions were malicious and were reckless indifferent to the Plaintiff's rights pursuant to Florida Statute Section 760, protecting a person from discrimination because of race.
- 45. The aforementioned actions of Defendants were done wantonly, willfully, maliciously, and with reckless disregard of the consequences of such actions.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter judgment against the Defendants; find that the Defendants indeed violated the FRCA, and in addition, order the following additional relief:

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the PLAINTIFF prays that this Court will;

- A. Declare that the acts complained of herein are in violation of the Florida Civil Rights Act;
- B. Award PLAINTIFF compensatory damages for emotional distress embarrassment and humiliation;

- C. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining the DEFENDANTS, its officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practice which discriminates on the basis of race;
- D. Reinstate PLAINTIFF to the same position she held before the retaliatory personnel action, or to an equivalent position;
- E. Reinstate full fringe benefits and seniority rights to PLAINTIFF;
- F. Order DEFENDANTS to make PLAINTIFF whole, by compensating PLAINTIFF for lost wages, benefits, including front pay, back pay with prejudgment interest;
- G. For a money judgment representing prejudgment interest;
- H. Award any other compensation allowed by law including punitive damages and attorney's fees (448.104);
- I. Grant PLAINTIFF's costs of this action, including reasonable attorney's fees;
- J. Grant PLAINTIFF a trial by jury;
- K. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

# COUNT II RETALIATION IN VIOLATION OF THE FLORIDA CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

- 46. Plaintiff re-adopts each and every factual allegation as stated in 1 through 23 of this Complaint as if set out in full herein.
- 47. Defendants are employers as the term is used under the applicable statutes referenced above.

- 48. The foregoing allegations establish a cause of action for unlawful retaliation after Plaintiff reported unlawful employment practices adversely affecting him under the FCRA.
- 49. The foregoing unlawful actions by Defendants were purposeful.
- 50. Plaintiff voiced opposition to unlawful employment practices during his employment with Defendants and he was the victim of retaliation thereafter, as related in part above.
- 51. Plaintiff is a member of a protected class because he reported unlawful employment practices and was the victim of retaliation thereafter. There is a causal connection between the reporting of the unlawful employment practices and the adverse employment action taken thereafter.
- 52. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing unlawful acts and omissions, Plaintiff has suffered mental anguish, emotional distress, expense, loss of benefits, embarrassment, humiliation, damage to reputation, illness, lost wages, loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, and other tangible and intangible damages.
- 53. These damages are continuing and are permanent.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter judgment against the Defendants; find that the Defendants indeed violated the FRCA, and in addition, order the following additional relief:

- A. Declare that the acts complained of herein are in violation of the Florida Civil Rights Act;
- B. Award PLAINTIFF compensatory damages for emotional distress, embarrassment and humiliation:

- C. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining the DEFENDANTS, its officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practice which discriminates;
- D. Reinstate PLAINTIFF to the same position he held before the retaliatory personnel action, or to an equivalent position;
- E. Reinstate full fringe benefits and seniority rights to PLAINTIFF;
- F. Order DEFENDANTS to make PLAINTIFF whole, by compensating PLAINTIFF for lost wages, benefits, including front pay, back pay with prejudgment interest;
- G. For a money judgment representing prejudgment interest;
- H. Award any other compensation allowed by law including punitive damages and attorney's fees (448.104);
- I. Grant PLAINTIFF's costs of this action, including reasonable attorney's fees;
- J. Grant PLAINTIFF a trial by jury; and
- K. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

### COUNT III HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT IN VIOLATION OF THE FLORIDA CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

- 54. Plaintiff re-adopts each and every factual allegation as stated in 1 through 24 of this Complaint as if set out in full herein.
- 55. Defendants are employers as that term is used under the applicable statutes referenced above.

- 56. The foregoing allegations establish a cause of action for unlawful retaliation after Plaintiff reported unlawful employment practices adversely affecting him under the FCRA.
- 57. Plaintiff, as a black male individual, within a protected class as envisioned by the FCRA.
- 58. During his employment with Defendants, Tabata subjected Plaintiff to unwelcome verbal harassment.
- 59. Defendants are liable for this conduct, either vicariously or directly, where Plaintiff complained to management and ownership about the harassment and abuse and no remedial or disciplinary was undertaken.
- 60. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing unlawful acts and omissions, Plaintiff has suffered mental anguish, emotional distress, expense, loss of benefits, embarrassment, humiliation, damage to reputation, lost wages, loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, and other tangible and intangible damages.
- 61. These damages are continuing and are permanent.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter judgment against the Defendant; find that the Defendant indeed violated the FRCA by failing to remedy this hostile work environment; and in addition, order the following additional relief:

- A. Declare that the acts complained of herein are in violation of the Florida Civil Rights Act;
- B. Award PLAINTIFF compensatory damages for emotional distress, embarrassment and humiliation:

- C. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining the DEFENDANT, its officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practice which discriminates;
- D. Reinstate PLAINTIFF to the same position she held before the retaliatory personnel action, or to an equivalent position;
- E. Reinstate full fringe benefits and seniority rights to PLAINTIFF;
- F. Order DEFENDANT to make PLAINTIFF whole, by compensating PLAINTIFF for lost wages, benefits, including front pay, back pay with prejudgment interest;
- G. For a money judgment representing prejudgment interest;
- H. Award any other compensation allowed by law including punitive damages and attorney's fees (448.104);
- I. Grant PLAINTIFF's costs of this action, including reasonable attorney's fees;
- J. Grant PLAINTIFF a trial by jury; and
- K. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

### COUNT IV Wage & Hour Federal Statutory Violation Against SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC

- 62. Plaintiff re-adopts each and every factual allegation as stated in paragraphs 1-10, 24-31 of this complaint as if set out in full herein.
- 63. This action is brought by Plaintiff and other similarly-situated individuals to recover from Defendants unpaid minimum wage and overtime compensation, as well as an additional amount as liquidated damages, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees under the provisions of 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq., and specifically under the provisions of 29 U.S.C. § 207. 29 U.S.C. § 207 (a)(1) states, "No employer shall employ any of his employees... for a

work week longer than 40 hours unless such employee receives compensation for his employment in excess of the hours above-specified at a rate not less than one and a half times the regular rate at which he is employed."

- 64. Jurisdiction is conferred on this Court by Title 29 U.S.C. § 216(b),
- 65. At all times pertinent to this Complaint, Defendants operated as an organization which sells and/or markets its services and/or goods to customers from throughout the United States and also provides its services for goods sold and transported from across state lines of other states, and the Defendants obtains and solicits funds from non-Florida sources, accepts funds from non-Florida sources, uses telephonic transmissions going over state lines to do its business, transmits funds outside the State of Florida, and otherwise regularly engages in interstate commerce, particularly with respect to its employees.
- 66. Upon information and belief, the annual gross revenue of the Defendants was at all times material hereto in excess of \$500,000 per annum, and, by virtue of working in interstate commerce, otherwise satisfies the FLSA's coverage requirements.
- 67. By reason of the foregoing, the Defendant(s) is and was, during all times hereafter mentioned, an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce as defined in §§ 3 (r) and 3(s) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(r) and 203(s). Defendants' business activities involve those to which the Fair Labor Standards Act applies. The Plaintiff's work for the Defendants likewise affects interstate commerce.
- 68. Plaintiff seeks to recover for unpaid wages accumulated from the date of hire.
- 69. At all times material hereto, the Defendants failed to comply with Title 29 U.S.C. §§ 201-219 and 29 C.F.R. § 516.2 and § 516.4 et seq. in that Plaintiff performed services and worked in excess of the maximum hours provided by the FLSA but no provision was

- made by the Defendants to properly pay him at the rate of time and one half for all hours worked in excess of forty hours (40) per workweek as provided in the FLSA.
- 70. Defendants knew and/or showed reckless disregard of the provisions of the FLSA concerning the payment of overtime wages as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act and remain owing Plaintiff these unpaid wages since the commencement of Plaintiff's employment with Defendants as set forth above. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to recover double damages.
- 71. Defendants never posted any notice, as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act and Federal Law, to inform employees of their federal rights to overtime and minimum wage payments.

#### WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays for the following relief against Defendant:

- A. Adjudge and decree that Defendant(s) has violated the FLSA and has done so willfully, intentionally and with reckless disregard for Plaintiff's rights;
- B. Award Plaintiff actual damages in the amount shown to be due for unpaid minimum wage and overtime compensation for hours worked in excess of forty (40) weekly, with interest; and
- C. Award Plaintiff an equal amount in double damages/liquidated damages; and
- D. Award Plaintiff the costs of this action, together with a reasonable attorneys' fees; and
- E. Grant Plaintiff such additional relief as the Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

### COUNT V Wage & Hour Federal Statutory Violation Against DON W. WALKER

- 72. Plaintiff re-adopts each and every factual allegation as stated in paragraphs 1-10, 24-31 of this complaint as if set out in full herein.
- 73. This action is brought by Plaintiff and other similarly-situated individuals to recover from Defendants unpaid minimum wage and overtime compensation, as well as an additional amount as liquidated damages, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees under the provisions of 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq., and specifically under the provisions of 29 U.S.C. § 207. 29 U.S.C. § 207 (a)(1) states, "No employer shall employ any of his employees... for a work week longer than 40 hours unless such employee receives compensation for his employment in excess of the hours above-specified at a rate not less than one and a half times the regular rate at which he is employed."
- 74. At the times mentioned, Defendant DON W. WALKER, had the authority and/or power to alter the terms and conditions of Plaintiff's employment in the areas of his employment (hire/fire), scheduled hours and/or rate of pay.
- 75. Defendant was an employer of Plaintiff within the meaning of Section 3(d) of the "Fair Labor Standards Act" [29 U.S.C. § 203(d)], in that this individual Defendant acted directly in the interests of Defendants employer in relation to the employees of Defendant employer, including Plaintiff.
- 76. Defendant had operational control of the business and is thus jointly liable for Plaintiff's damages.
- 77. Defendants willfully and intentionally refused to properly pay Plaintiff wages as required by the law of the United States as set forth above and remains owing Plaintiff these

- wages since the commencement of Plaintiff's employment with Defendants as set forth above.
- 78. At all times pertinent to this Complaint, Defendants operated as an organization which sells and/or markets its services and/or goods to customers from throughout the United States and also provides its services for goods sold and transported from across state lines of other states, and the Defendants obtain and solicits funds from non-Florida sources, accepts funds from non-Florida sources, uses telephonic transmissions going over state lines to do its business, transmits funds outside the State of Florida, and otherwise regularly engages in interstate commerce, particularly with respect to its employees.
- 79. Upon information and belief, the annual gross revenue of the Defendant(s) was at all times material hereto in excess of \$500,000 per annum, and, by virtue of working in interstate commerce, otherwise satisfies the FLSA's coverage requirements,
- 80. By reason of the foregoing, the Defendant is and was, during all times hereafter mentioned, an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce as defined in §§ 3 (r) and 3(s) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(r) and 203(s). Defendants' business activities involve those to which the Fair Labor Standards Act applies. The Plaintiff's work for the Defendants likewise affects interstate commerce.
- 81. Plaintiff seeks to recover for unpaid wages accumulated from the date of hire.
- 82. At all times material hereto, the Defendants failed to comply with Title 29 U.S.C. §§ 201-219 and 29 C.F.R. § 516.2 and § 516.4 et seq. in that Plaintiff performed services and worked in excess of the maximum hours provided by the FLSA but no provision was made by the Defendants to properly pay him at the rate of time and one half for all hours worked in excess of forty hours (40) per workweek as provided in the FLSA.

- 83. Defendants knew and/or showed reckless disregard of the provisions of the FLSA concerning the payment of overtime wages as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act and remain owing Plaintiff these unpaid wages since the commencement of Plaintiff's employment with Defendant as set forth above. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to recover double damages.
- 84. Defendants never posted any notice, as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act and Federal Law, to inform employees of their federal rights to overtime and minimum wage payments.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays for the following relief against Defendant:

- A. Adjudge and decree that Defendant(s) has violated the FLSA and has done so willfully, intentionally and with reckless disregard for Plaintiff's rights;
- B. Award Plaintiff actual damages in the amount shown to be due for unpaid minimum wage and overtime compensation for hours worked in excess of forty (40) weekly, with interest; and
- C. Award Plaintiff an equal amount in double damages/liquidated damages; and
- D. Award Plaintiff the costs of this action, together with a reasonable attorneys' fees; and
- E. Grant Plaintiff such additional relief as the Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

#### COUNT VI

# Retaliatory Discharge Against SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC and DON W. WALKER

- 85. Plaintiff realleges and reavers paragraph 1-10, 24-31 of the Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 86. Defendant's conduct as set forth above constitutes a violation of the FLSA's antiretaliation provision.
- 87. The motivating factor that caused Plaintiff' adverse employment action as described above was Plaintiff' complaint regarding not being properly paid for all hours worked.
- 88. The Defendant's conduct was in direct violation of the FLSA, and, as a direct result, Plaintiff have been damaged.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays for the following relief against Defendant:

- A. Adjudge and decree that Defendant has violated the FLSA and have done so willfully, intentionally and with reckless disregard for Plaintiff' rights;
- B. Enter judgment against the Defendant for all back wages from the date of discharge to the present date and an equal amount of back wages as liquidated damages, and;
- C. Enter judgment against the Defendant for all front wages until Plaintiff becomes 65 years of age; and
- D. Enter an award against Defendant and award Plaintiff compensatory damages for mental anguish, personal suffering, and loss of enjoyment of life;
- E. Award Plaintiff the costs of this action, together with a reasonable attorneys' fees; and
- F. Grant Plaintiff such additional relief as the Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

#### JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff	demands trial	by jury	of all	issues	triable as	s of right by jury.	

Dated 2- 23-1/

Respectfully submitted

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct.

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