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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

CV 18-6178 ROSS, J.

NANCY LUCIA CERDA and JOSE HERNANDEZ, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

KUO, M.J.

Plaintiffs,

COLLECTIVE ACTION COMPLAINT

-against-

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET GROUP, LLC, PERALTA-BUENO CORP. d/b/a ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET, and EVI PERALTA and ERASMO BUENO, as individuals,

Defendants.	
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1. Plaintiffs, NANCY LUCIA CERDA and JOSE HERNANDEZ, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff"), by their attorneys at Helen F. Dalton & Associates, P.C., allege, upon personal knowledge as to themselves and upon information and belief as to other matters, as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 2. Plaintiffs, NANCY LUCIA CERDA and JOSE HERNANDEZ, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, through undersigned counsel, brings this action against ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET GROUP, LLC, PERALTABUENO CORP. d/b/a ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET, and EVI PERALTA and ERASMO BUENO, as individuals, (hereinafter referred to as "Defendants"), to recover damages for egregious violations of state and federal wage and hour laws arising out of Plaintiffs' employment at ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET, located at 2578 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11208.
- 3. As a result of the violations of Federal and New York State labor laws delineated below, Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages and liquidated damages in an amount

exceeding \$100,000.00. Plaintiffs also seek interest, attorneys' fees, costs, and all other legal and equitable remedies this Court deems appropriate.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' federal claims pursuant to the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §216 and 28 U.S.C. §1331.
- 5. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.
- 6. Venue is proper in the EASTERN District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this district.
- 7. This Court is empowered to issue a declaratory judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§2201 & 2202.

THE PARTIES

- 8. Plaintiff NANCY LUCIA CERDA residing at 722 Lincoln Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11208, was employed from in or around 2011 until in or around May 2018 by Defendants at ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET, located at 2578 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11208.
- Plaintiff JOSE HERNANDEZ residing at 722 Lincoln Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11208, was employed from in or around 2011 until in or around May 2018 by Defendants at ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET, located at 2578 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11208.
- 10. Upon information and belief, Defendant, ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET GROUP, LLC is a corporation organized under the laws of New York.
- 11. Upon information and belief, Defendant, ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET GROUP, LLC is a corporation authorized to do business under the laws of New York.
- 12. Upon information and belief, Defendant, PERALTA-BUENO CORP. d/b/a ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET is a corporation organized under the laws of New York with a principal executive office at 746 Parkside Drive, Jericho, New York 11753.

- 13. Upon information and belief, Defendant, PERALTA-BUENO CORP. d/b/a ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET is a corporation authorized to do business under the laws of New York.
- 14. Upon information and belief, Defendant EVI PERALTA owns and/or operates PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET,
- 15. Upon information and belief, Defendant EVI PERALTA is the Chairman of the Board of PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET,
- 16. Upon information and belief, Defendant EVI PERALTA is the Chief Executive Officer of PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET,
- 17. Upon information and belief, Defendant EVI PERALTA is an agent of PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET,
- 18. Upon information and belief, Defendant EVI PERALTA has power over personnel decisions at PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET,
- 19. Upon information and belief, Defendant EVI PERALTA has power over payroll decisions at PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET,
- 20. Defendant EVI PERALTA has the power to hire and fire employees at PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET, establish and pay their wages, set their work schedule, and maintains their employment records.
- 21. Upon information and belief, Defendant ERASMO BUENO owns and/or operates PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET,
- 22. Upon information and belief, Defendant ERASMO BUENO is the Chairman of the Board of PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET,
- 23. Upon information and belief, Defendant ERASMO BUENO is the Chief Executive Officer of PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET,
- 24. Upon information and belief, Defendant ERASMO BUENO is an agent of PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET,
- 25. Upon information and belief, Defendant ERASMO BUENO has power over personnel decisions at PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET,
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- 27. Defendant ERASMO BUENO has the power to hire and fire employees at PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET, establish and pay their wages, set their work schedule, and maintains their employment records.
- 28. During all relevant times herein, Defendant EVI PERALTA was Plaintiff's employer within the meaning of the FLSA and NYLL.
- 29. During all relevant times herein, Defendant ERASMO BUENO was Plaintiff's employer within the meaning of the FLSA and NYLL.
- 30. On information and belief, ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET GROUP, LLC is, at present and has been at all times relevant to the allegation in the complaint, an enterprise engaged in interstate commerce within the meaning of the FLSA in that the entity (i) has had employees engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, and handle, sell or otherwise work on goods or material that have been moved in or produced for commerce by any person: and (ii) has had an annual gross volume of sales of not less than \$500,000.00.
- 31. On information and belief, PERALTA-BUENO CORP. D/B/A ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET is, at present and has been at all times relevant to the allegation in the complaint, an enterprise engaged in interstate commerce within the meaning of the FLSA in that the entity (i) has had employees engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, and handle, sell or otherwise work on goods or material that have been moved in or produced for commerce by any person: and (ii) has had an annual gross volume of sales of not less than \$500,000.00.
- 32. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were and are enterprises as defined in Sec. 3(r) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 203(r).
- 33. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were Plaintiff's employers as defined by 29 U.S.C. § 203(d) and NYLL §§ 2(6), 190(3) and 651(6), and Defendants employed and/or jointly employed Plaintiff.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

34. Plaintiff NANCY LUCIA CERDA was employed from in or around 2011 until in or around May 2018 by Defendants at ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET, located at 2578 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11208.

- 35. During Plaintiff NANCY LUCIA CERDA'S employment by Defendants at the above location, Plaintiff's primary duties were as a stocker and produce worker, and performing other miscellaneous duties from in or around 2011 until in or around May 2018.
- 36. Plaintiff NANCY LUCIA CERDA was paid by Defendants approximately \$500.00 per week from in or around 2012 until in or around 2013, approximately \$550.00 from in or around 2014 until in or around 2017, and approximately \$600.00 per week from in or around January 2018 until in or around May 2018.
- 37. Plaintiff worked approximately seventy-two (72) hours or more per week during her employment by Defendants from in or around 2011 until in or around May 2018.
- 38. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff NANCY LUCIA CERDA the legally prescribed minimum wage for her hours worked from in or around 2012 until in or around May 2018, a blatant violation of the minimum wage provisions contained in the FLSA and NYLL
- 39. Although Plaintiff NANCY LUCIA CERDA worked approximately seventy-two (72) hours or more per week during her employment by Defendants from in or around 2011 until in or around May 2018, Defendants did not pay Plaintiff time and a half (1.5) for hours worked over forty (40), a blatant violation of the overtime provisions contained in the FLSA and NYLL.
- 40. Furthermore, Plaintiff NANCY LUCIA CERDA worked approximately twelve (12) or more hours per day, six (6) or seven (7) days a week from in or 2012 until in or around May 2018, Defendants did not pay Plaintiff an extra hour at the legally prescribed minimum wage for each day worked over ten (10) hours, a blatant violation of the spread of hours provisions contained in the NYLL.
- 41. Plaintiff JOSE HERNANDEZ was employed from in or around 2005 until in or around September 2018 by Defendants at ASSOCIATED SUPERMARKET, located at 2578 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11208.
- 42. During Plaintiff JOSE HERNANDEZ'S employment by Defendants at the above location, Plaintiff's primary duties were as a stocker and produce worker, and performing other miscellaneous duties from in or around 2005 until in or around September 2018.

- 43. Plaintiff JOSE HERNANDEZ was paid by Defendants approximately \$400.00 per week from in or around 2012 until in or around September 2018.
- 44. Plaintiff JOSE HERNANDEZ worked approximately sixty (60) hours or more per week during his employment by Defendants from in or around 2012 until in or around September 2018.
- 45. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff JOSE HERNANDEZ the legally prescribed minimum wage for his hours worked from in or around 2012 until in or around September 2018, a blatant violation of the minimum wage provisions contained in the FLSA and NYLL
- 46. Although Plaintiff JOSE HERNANDEZ worked approximately sixty (60) hours or more per week during his employment by Defendants from in or around 2012 until in or around September 2018, Defendants did not pay Plaintiff time and a half (1.5) for hours worked over forty (40), a blatant violation of the overtime provisions contained in the FLSA and NYLL.
- 47. Upon information and belief, Defendants willfully failed to post notices of the minimum wage and overtime wage requirements in a conspicuous place at the location of their employment as required by both the NYLL and the FLSA.
- 48. Upon information and belief, Defendants willfully failed to keep payroll records as required by both NYLL and the FLSA.
- 49. As a result of these violations of Federal and New York State labor laws, Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages and liquidated damages in an amount exceeding \$100,000.00. Plaintiff also seeks interest, attorneys' fees, costs, and all other legal and equitable remedies this Court deems appropriate.

COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 50. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of herself and other employees similarly situated as authorized under the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b). The employees similarly situated are the collective class.
- 51. Collective Class: All persons who are or have been employed by the Defendants as produce workers or stockers, or other similarly titled personnel with substantially similar job requirements and pay provisions, who were performing the same sort of

- functions for Defendants, other than the executive and management positions, who have been subject to Defendants' common practices, policies, programs, procedures, protocols and plans including willfully failing and refusing to pay required overtime wage compensation.
- 52. Upon information and belief, Defendants employed between 25 and 35 employees within the past three years subjected to similar payment structures.
- 53. Upon information and belief, Defendants suffered and permitted Plaintiffs and the Collective Class to work more than forty hours per week without appropriate overtime compensation or proper minimum wage compensation.
- 54. Defendants' unlawful conduct has been widespread, repeated, and consistent.
- 55. Upon information and belief, Defendant had knowledge that Plaintiffs and the Collective Class performed work requiring overtime pay and proper minimum wage compensation.
- 56. Defendants' conduct as set forth in this Complaint, was willful and in bad faith, and has caused significant damages to Plaintiff and the Collective Class.
- 57. Defendants are liable under the FLSA for failing to properly compensate Plaintiff and the Collective Class, and as such, notice should be sent to the Collective Class. There are numerous similarly situated current and former employees of Defendants who have been denied overtime pay in violation of the FLSA and NYLL, who would benefit from the issuance of a Court-supervised notice of the present lawsuit, and the opportunity to join the present lawsuit. Those similarly situated employees are known to Defendants and are readily identifiable through Defendants' records.
- 58. The questions of law and fact common to the putative class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members.
- 59. The claims of Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the putative class.
- 60. Plaintiffs and their counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the putative class.
- 61. A collective action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Overtime Wages Under The Fair Labor Standards Act

- 62. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 63. Plaintiffs have consented in writing to be a party to this action, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216(b).
- 64. At all times relevant to this action, Plaintiffs were engaged in commerce or the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §§206(a) and 207(a).
- 65. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were employers engaged in commerce or the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §§206(a) and 207(a).
- 66. Defendants willfully failed to pay Plaintiffs overtime wages for hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week at a wage rate of one and a half (1.5) times the regular wage, to which Plaintiffs were entitled under 29 U.S.C. §§206(a) in violation of 29 U.S.C. §207(a)(1).
- 67. Defendants' violations of the FLSA as described in this Complaint have been willful and intentional. Defendants have not made a good effort to comply with the FLSA with respect to the compensation of the Plaintiffs.
- 68. Due to Defendants' FLSA violations, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, their unpaid wages and an equal amount in the form of liquidated damages, as well as reasonable attorneys fees and costs of the action, including interest, pursuant to the FLSA, specifically 29 U.S.C. §216(b).

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Overtime Wages Under New York Labor Law

- 69. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 70. At all times relevant to this action, Plaintiffs were employed by Defendants within the meaning of New York Labor Law §§2 and 651.

- 71. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs overtime wages for hours worked in excess of forty hours per week at a wage rate of one and a half (1.5) times the regular wage to which Plaintiffs were entitled under New York Labor Law §652, in violation of 12 N.Y.C.R.R. 137-1.3.
- 72. Due to Defendants' New York Labor Law violations, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, their unpaid overtime wages and an amount equal to their unpaid overtime wages in the form of liquidated damages, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the action, including interest in accordance with NY Labor Law §198(1-a).

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION Minimum Wages Under The Fair Labor Standards Act

- 73. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 74. Plaintiffs have consented in writing to be a party to this action, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216(b).
- 75. At all times relevant to this action, Plaintiffs were engaged in commerce or the production of services and goods for commerce within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §§206(a) and 207(a).
- 76. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were employers engaged in commerce or the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §§206(a) and 207(a).
- 77. Defendants willfully failed to pay Plaintiffs a minimum wage in accordance with 29 U.S.C. §§201, 202 and 203.
- 78. Defendants' violations of the FLSA, as described in this Complaint have been willful and intentional.
- 79. Defendants have not made a good faith effort to comply with the FLSA with respect to the Plaintiffs' compensation.
- 80. Due to Defendants' FLSA violations, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, his unpaid minimum wages and an equal amount in

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the form of liquidated damages, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the action including interest, pursuant to the FLSA, specifically 29 U.S.C. §216(b).

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION Minimum Wages Under New York Labor Law

- 81. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 82. At all times relevant to this action, Plaintiffs were employed by Defendants within the meaning of NYLL §§2 and 651.
- 83. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were employers within the meaning of NYLL.
- 84. Defendants failed to record, credit or compensate Plaintiffs the applicable minimum hourly wage, in violation of the New York Minimum Wage Act, specifically NYLL §652.
- 85. Defendants also failed to pay Plaintiffs the required minimum wage, which Plaintiffs were entitled under NYLL §652, in violation of 12 N. Y. C. R. R. 137-1.3.
- 86. Due to Defendants' NYLL violations, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, his unpaid minimum wages and an amount equal to their unpaid minimum wages in the form of liquidated damages, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the action, including interest in accordance with NYLL §198 (1-a).

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Spread of Hours Compensation Under New York Labor Law

- 87. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 88. Defendants willfully violated Plaintiffs' rights by failing to pay Plaintiffs an additional hour of pay at minimum wage for each day worked more than ten (10) hours, in violation of the New York Minimum Wage Act and its implementing regulations. N.Y. Labor Law §§ 650 et seq.; 12 N.Y. C. R. R. § 142-2.4

89. Due to Defendants' New York Labor Law violations, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from Defendants his unpaid spread of hour compensation, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs of the action, pursuant to N. Y. Labor Law § 663 (1).

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of the Notice and Recordkeeping Requirements of the New York Labor Law

- 90. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 91. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs with a written notice, in English and in Spanish (Plaintiffs' primary language), of their rate of pay, regular pay day, and such other information as required by NYLL §195(1).
- 92. Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs in the amount of \$5,000.00 per Plaintiff, together with costs and attorneys' fees.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of the Wage Statement Requirements of the New York Labor Law

- 93. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 94. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs with wage statements upon each payment of wages, as required by NYLL §195(3)
- 95. Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs in the amount of \$5,000.00 per Plaintiff, together with costs and attorneys' fees.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request that judgment be granted:

- a. Declaring Defendants' conduct complained herein to be in violation of the Plaintiffs' rights under the FLSA, the New York Labor Law, and its regulations;
- b. Awarding Plaintiffs unpaid overtime wages;
- c. Awarding Plaintiffs unpaid minimum wages;
- d. Awarding Plaintiffs unpaid spread of hours compensation;
- e. Awarding Plaintiff liquidated damages pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216 and New York Labor Law §§198(1-a), 663(1);

- f. Awarding Plaintiffs prejudgment and post-judgment interest;
- g. Awarding Plaintiffs the costs of this action together with reasonable attorneys' fees; and
- h. Awarding such and further relief as this court deems necessary and proper.

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all questions of fact raised by the complaint.

Dated: This 20 day of October 2018.

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SUMMONS & COMPLAINT

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I am cu	rrently ad	mitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court. No				
•	_	the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court? Yes (If yes, please explain) No				
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