UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

WILLY CLAIRVOYANT, on his own behalf and others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE a Florida Limited Liability Company, and JOHN QUADAGNO, an individual,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT

1. Plaintiff, WILLY CLAIRVOYANT (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff"), was an employee of Defendants, JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE, a Florida Limited Liability Company, and JOHN QUADAGNO, an individual (collectively referred to as "Defendants"), and brings this action on behalf of himself and other current and former employees of Defendants similarly situated to him for overtime compensation and minimum wage compensation and other relief under the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

 Plaintiff performed non-exempt work as a laborer and related activities in Palm Beach County, Florida.

3. Plaintiff worked at Defendants' Palm Springs location.

4. Plaintiff was employed as a cook for Defendants at Johnny Q's Restaurant and Sports Lounge.

5. Specifically, Plaintiff was a non-exempt employee who was responsible for cooking, food preparation, tracking inventory, ordering produce and supplies for various menu items, cleaning, and maintaining the kitchen at Johnny Q'S Restaurant and Sports Lounge.

6. All work performed by Plaintiff during Plaintiff's working hours was for the benefit of Defendants.

7. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff and similarly situated employees were employees of Defendants within the meaning of the FLSA.

8. Plaintiff and similarly situated employees regularly handled and worked with goods and materials moved in or produced in commerce.

9. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants during the three year period preceding the filing of this lawsuit.

Plaintiff began his employment with Defendants on or about December 26, 2013.
 Plaintiff's last date of employment was November 18, 2017.

11. Plaintiff routinely worked five (5) to seven (7) days weekly.

12. Plaintiff routinely worked more than forty (40) hours per week for Defendants.

13. During certain pay periods of Plaintiff's employment, Plaintiff would average fifteen (15) hours of overtime.

14. Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff for all overtime hours worked.

15. Defendants failed to properly credit Plaintiff for all hours worked.

16. Plaintiff was paid an hourly rate of \$14.00.

17. Plaintiff's compensation varied depending on the daily hours worked.

18. Plaintiff was an hourly employee throughout the entire period of his employment.

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19. When Plaintiff worked more than forty (40) hours weekly, Defendants would pay twenty (20) hours to Plaintiff on a W-2 check and the remaining hours would be paid in cash and/or company check or personal check.

20. Plaintiff did not receive his bi-weekly compensations on a single W-2 check.

21. Defendants paid Plaintiff in cash during the period of Plaintiff's employment.

22. Defendants did not issue Plaintiff a 1099 for the non-W-2 wages received by Plaintiff.

23. JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE, a Florida Limited Liability Company, is an Italian restaurant and bar selling imported food and alcoholic beverages in Palm Beach County, Florida and is within the jurisdiction of this court.

24. Defendants sponsors live entertainment and events in the restaurant.

25. Defendants accepts various credit cards.

26. Defendants allow customers to place their order by phone and online for delivery by outside vendors.

27. JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE is a restaurant.

28. Jurisdiction is conferred on this Court by Title 28 U.S.C. § 1337 and by Title 29 U.S.C. § 216(b). At all times pertinent to this Complaint JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE was and is an enterprise engaged in interstate commerce or in the production of goods for commerce.

29. The services provided by JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE requires Defendants to procure food items, beverages, supplies, and equipment outside the state of Florida. 30. The services provided by Defendants necessitated that Defendants engage in interstate commerce.

31. Plaintiff was individually engaged in commerce due to the nature of his work.

32. This action is brought to recover from Defendants overtime compensation, unpaid wages, minimum wage violation, liquidated damages, and the costs and reasonable attorney's fees under the provisions of Title 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

33. At all times material hereto, individual Defendant, JOHN QUADAGNO, was and/or is an individual resident of the State of Florida who owns, manages, directs, and/or operates JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE and who regularly exercised the authority to hire and fire employees, determine the work schedules of employees, set the rate pay of employees, manage daily or weekly activities of employees, and control the finances and operations of JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE. By virtue of such control and authority, JOHN QUADAGNO is an employer of Plaintiff as such term is defined by the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §201 et seq.

34. JOHN QUADAGNO interviewed and hired Plaintiff.

35. Plaintiff reported to JOHN QUADAGNO.

36. JOHN QUADAGNO was Plaintiff's manager.

37. JOHN QUADAGNO is the owner of JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE.

38. Plaintiff repeatedly requested for Defendants to pay him at time and one-half for his overtime hours worked.

39. The additional persons who may become Plaintiffs in this action are non-exempt employees and/or former employees of Defendants who worked similar positions as Plaintiff and

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worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a work-week on or after December 2014, but were not properly paid for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) during one or more work weeks or current and/or former employees who were not credited for all hours worked during their employment with Defendants.

40. At all times pertinent to this Complaint, Defendants failed to comply with Title 29 U.S.C. § 201-209, in that Plaintiff and those similarly situated to Plaintiff performed services for Defendants for which no provisions were made by the Defendants to properly pay Plaintiff for those hours worked in excess of forty (40) at an overtime rate of one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for all the overtime hours worked, based in part upon Defendants' custom and practice of failing to credit all overtime hours actually worked and failing to calculate and pay overtime wages accurately.

41. Based upon information and belief, the annual gross sales volume of JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE was in excess of \$500,000.00 per annum during the relevant time period.

42. As a result of Defendants' actions identified herein Plaintiff and other similarly situated employees were not paid time and one-half of their regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per work week during one or more work weeks.

43. Likewise, the other employees similarly situated to Plaintiff regularly worked in excess of forty (40) hours in one or more work weeks during their employment with Defendants.

44. The records, if any, concerning the number of hours actually worked by Plaintiff and all other similarly situated employees and the compensation actually paid to such employees are in the possession and custody of Defendants. However, upon information and belief, Defendants

did not maintain accurate and complete time records of hours worked and compensation received by Plaintiff.

COUNT I, RECOVERY OF OVERTIME COMPENSATION

45. Plaintiff readopts and realleges all allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 44 above.

46. Plaintiff is entitled to be paid time and one-half of his regular rate of pay for each hour worked in excess of forty (40) hours per work week. All similarly situated employees are similarly owed their overtime rate for each overtime hour they worked and were not properly paid.

47. By reason of the said intentional, willful and unlawful acts of Defendants, all Plaintiffs (Plaintiff and those similarly situated to him) have suffered damages plus incurring costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

48. Plaintiff has retained the undersigned counsel to represent him in this action, and agreed to pay reasonable fees and costs, and pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §§216(b), Plaintiff is entitled to recover all reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in this action.

49. As a result of Defendants' willful violation of the Act, all Plaintiffs (the named Plaintiff and those similarly situated to him) are entitled to liquidated damages.

50. Plaintiff demands a jury trial.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, WILLY CLAIRVOYANT, and those similarly situated to him who have or will opt into this action, demand judgment, jointly and severally, against Defendants, JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE, for the payment of all overtime hours at one and one-half their regular rate of pay due them for the hours worked by them for which they have not been properly compensated, liquidated damages in an amount equal to the overtime awarded, prejudgment interest, reasonable attorney's fees and costs

of suit, and such further relief that this Court deems just and appropriate.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

DATED this 21 day of December 2017

Respectfully submitted,

<u>s/Maguene D. Cadet</u>

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WILLY CLAIRVOYANT, on his own behalf and others similarly situated

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Palm Beach County (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF (ASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Law Office of Dieudonne Cadet, P.A., 2500 Quantum Lakes Drive, Suite 203, Boynton Beach, Florida 33426; 561-853-2212 DEFENDANTS

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SUMMONS IN A CIVIL CASE (CORPORATION)

TO: JOHNNY Q'S, LLC. DBA JOHNNY Q'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS LOUNGE Attn: John Quadagno, Registered Agent 3801 10th Avenue North Palm Springs, Florida 33461-2807

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEY:

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an Answer to the Complaint which is herewith served upon you, within <u>twenty 21</u> 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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