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9	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
10	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN	
11	JOSE A. ARIAS, individually, and	CASE NO.: CV 0 2 8 6 1 2
12	acting in the interest of other current and former employees,	
13	Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT
14	v.	
15	ANGELO DAIRY, a California business organization, form unknown; LUIS M.	
16	ANGELO, MARIA D. ANGELO and JOE ANGELO, individuals; LUIS M.	THE CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO
17	ANGELO, MARIA D. ANGELO and JOE ANGELO dba ANGELO DAIRY;	JUDGE CARTER P HOLLY IN DEPARTMENT 42 FOR ALL PURPOSES
18 19	and DOES ONE through TWENTY, inclusive	INCLUDING TRIAL
20	Defendants.	
21	INTRODUCTION	
22	1. Plaintiff is a dairy worker formerly employed by Defendants LUIS M. ANGELO,	
23	MARIA D. ANGELO and JOE ANGELO dba ANGELO DAIRY, to push, milk, and care for cows.	
24	Plaintiff alleges that he has suffered injury as a result of each Defendant's failure to comply with	
25	labor laws. Each Defendant's employment practices are unlawful and contrary to the public policy	
26	of the State of California; therefore, Plaintiff brings this action under California's Unfair	
27	Competition Law (the "UCL") (Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.) individually and	
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	1 COMPLAINT	

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27 28 acting for the interests of other current and former employees of Defendants to enforce California labor laws and regulations.

- 2. Plaintiff, for himself individually and for all others who have a common interest, seeks restitution and other appropriate relief for each Defendant's failure to pay overtime wages, authorize and permit rest and meal periods, maintain proper payroll records and provide itemized wage statements, provide required work tools and equipment, and accrued interest and enforcement of penalties pursuant to California law.
- 3. Plaintiff, for himself individually and for all others who have a common interest, also seeks injunctive relief to require that each Defendant comply with all applicable California labor laws in the future and to prevent each Defendant from engaging in and continuing to engage in unlawful and unfair business practices.

PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff JOSE A. ARIAS is an individual who currently resides in Fresno County and, at all times material to this action, resided in San Joaquin County. Plaintiff JOSE A. ARIAS was employed by Defendants in San Joaquin County from approximately November, 1995 through June, 2005.
- 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant ANGELO DAIRY is a business entity, form unknown. Defendant ANGELO DAIRY operates in San Joaquin County producing milk at its principal place of business located at 11313 Collier Road, Acampo, San Joaquin County, California.
- 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants LUIS M. ANGELO, MARIA D. ANGELO and JOE ANGELO are individuals who are owners or major interest holders of Defendant ANGELO DAIRY. Plaintiff further alleges that said Defendants are responsible for the occurrences herein alleged and that the resulting damages were proximately caused by said Defendants' conduct.
- 7. Each Defendant has directly or indirectly or through an agent or other person exercised control over the wages, hours or working conditions of Plaintiff and other current and former employees.

- 8. Each Defendant directly or indirectly or through an agent or other person engaged, suffered or permitted to work Plaintiff and other current and former employees.
- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times material to this action, each Defendant has been and is doing business in San Joaquin County and has been and is employing people to perform agricultural labor in this county.
- 10. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names or capacities of the Defendants sued herein under the fictitious names of DOES ONE through TWENTY, inclusive, and therefore sues said Defendants under such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege the true names or capacities of said Defendants once they have been ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants are responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged and that the damages herein alleged were actually and proximately caused by their conduct.
- 11. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times mentioned herein, each Defendant was acting as the agent of every other Defendant, and all acts alleged to have been committed by any Defendants were committed on behalf of every other Defendant; and, at all times mentioned herein, each alleged act was committed by each Defendant, and/or agent, servant, or employee of each Defendant, and each Defendant directed, authorized or ratified each such act. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each Defendant, and each of them, was the agent, employee, coconspirator, business affiliate, subsidiary, parent entity, owner and/or joint venturer of each other Defendant, and each of them; and, in doing the things alleged herein, was acting at least in part within the course and scope of such agency, employment, conspiracy, joint employer, alter ego status, and/or joint venture and with the permission and consent of each of the other Defendants.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

12. Each Defendant employed Plaintiff JOSE A. ARIAS as a milker pursuant to an oral contract of employment from approximately November, 1995 through June, 2005 to work at Defendants' dairy or work site in San Joaquin County, including the real property located at 5027

W. Acampo Road, Lodi, San County, California and 11313 Collier Road, Acampo, San Joaquin County, California.

- 13. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that in 2006 and in the four years preceding the filing of this complaint, each Defendant has employed other people as milkers and/or as field workers, under the same or similar circumstances as Plaintiff, to work in the same dairy or work sites that the Plaintiff worked, including the real property located at 5027 W. Acampo Road, Lodi, San County, California and 11313 Collier Road, Acampo, San Joaquin County, California.
- 14. As part of Plaintiff's oral contract of employment with each Defendant, Plaintiff resided in housing provided by Defendants at Defendants' properties in San Joaquin County located at 5027 W. Acampo Road, Lodi, San County, California and 11313 Collier Road, Acampo, San Joaquin County, California.
- 15. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that currently and at all times during the four years prior to the filing of this complaint, each Defendant has, and does, employ and operate housing for persons who perform the same work as Plaintiff in the same dairy or work sites that the Plaintiff worked, including the real property located at 5027 W. Acampo Road, Lodi, San County, California and 11313 Collier Road, Acampo, San Joaquin County, California.
- 16. Plaintiff and other similarly-employed people satisfactorily performed all terms and conditions of the employment contracts.
- 17. Throughout his tenure with ANGELO DAIRY, each Defendant required that Plaintiff work six days a week. Plaintiff worked two shifts per day, each shift lasting between six and seven and one half hours, with no meal periods or rest breaks during the shift.
- 18. During his employment by Defendants, Defendants paid Plaintiff JOSE A. ARIAS an initial monthly salary of \$1,300, which increased to \$1,800 by the end of his employment with the Defendants. The fixed monthly salary did not compensate Plaintiff for California overtime wages due to Plaintiff for all work performed.
- 19. On information and belief, each Defendant required that other employees work similar work weeks. On information and belief, each Defendant required that other employees work,

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on average, six days a week with two daily shifts lasting approximately six to seven and one half hours each shift, with no meal periods or rest breaks during the shift. On information and belief, Defendants paid other workers a monthly salary that did not compensate them for California overtime wages due for all work performed.

- 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, at all times material to this action, each Defendant has continuously failed to pay its dairy workers overtime, and failed to allow workers to take required meal and rest periods.
- 21. Each Defendant failed to provide Plaintiff with records of the hours that he worked or the hourly rate of pay, all of which are required by California and federal law.
- 22. Each Defendant misrepresented to Plaintiff and, on information and belief other employees, important terms and conditions of their employment, including but not limited to the number of hours they would be expected to work each day and the amount of deductions or charges for housing, if any.
- 23. On information and belief, each Defendant failed to provide Plaintiff and other similarly-employed persons with records of the hours they worked with their hourly rate of their pay, and failed to inform workers how much if anything, they were being charged for housing, all of which are required by California.
- 24. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each Defendant has been and is charging Plaintiff and other employees for the cost of housing, and that these charges are being deducted from the wages due the workers without written authorization. Neither Plaintiff nor, on information and belief any other employee, ever authorized in writing or agreed that deductions for housing could be taken from their wages.
- 25. Plaintiff, and on information and belief other workers, complained in good faith to the Defendants about the habitability of the employee housing at ANGELO DAIRY including, but not limited to, complaints about rotting walls, dirty carpets, water leakage from the roof, holes in the walls, lack of window screens, windows that could not be opened and heater problems. Defendants failed to repair the conditions complained by Plaintiff, and on information and belief other workers.

- 26. At all times relevant to this action, each Defendant required that Plaintiff, and, on information and belief, other similarly-employed people, spend their own money and time to acquire and maintain tools and equipment necessary to the performance of their job, including, but not limited to, work boots, clothing and gloves. Defendants have not reimbursed Plaintiff and/or on information and belief, other workers, for these expenditures.
- 27. Plaintiff, and on information and belief, other similarly-employed individuals at Defendants' Dairy, earn and have earned less than twice the minimum wage at all times relevant to this Complaint.
 - 28. Defendants fired Plaintiff JOSE A. ARIAS on or about June, 2005.

ADDITIONAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 29. Plaintiff is an aggrieved employee as defined in Labor Code § 2699.
- 30. Each Defendant committed the following violations of the California Labor Code against Plaintiff, and, on information and belief, against other current or former employees while they were employed by each Defendant:
 - a. Each Defendant violated Labor Code § § 210, 221, 1194, 558, and 1198 and 8 Cal. Code of Regulations § 11140 by failing to pay Plaintiff and, on information and belief, other current and former employees of each Defendant, all wages due for all hours worked.
 - b. Each Defendant violated Labor Code § 226 by failing to provide Plaintiff and, on information and belief, other current and former employees of each Defendant with an accurate itemized statement in writing providing required information regarding (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee,... (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and his or her social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee with each periodic payment of wages made by each Defendant to Plaintiff and, on information and belief, other current and former employees of each Defendant.
 - c. Each Defendant violated Labor Code § 1174 by failing to maintain payroll records showing the hours worked daily by and the wages paid to Plaintiff and, on information and belief, other current and former employees of each Defendant.
 - d. Each Defendant violated Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 by failing to pay Plaintiff and, on information and belief, other current and former employees of each Defendant all wages due on the date of the employee's involuntary

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Failure to Provide Meal Periods – Violation of Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 11140; IWC Wage Order 14) Plaintiff, individually, Against All Defendants

- 43. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 42 as if fully set forth herein, and further alleges that:
- 44. Each Defendant violated Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order 14, 8 California Code of Regulations § 11140., which provides that: "Every employer shall authorize and permit all employees after a work period of not more than five (5) hours to take a meal period of not less than thirty minutes, except that when a work period of not more than six (6) hours will complete the day's work the meal period may be waived by mutual consent of employer and employee."
- 45. California law, including without limitation Labor Code § 226.7, requires that each Defendant provide Plaintiff with meal periods and authorizes that such meal periods can be mandated in the applicable wage order.
- 46. At all relevant times while he was employed as a dairy worker, each Defendant failed and refused to provide meal periods to Plaintiff.
- 47. Under California law, on and after January 1, 2001, Plaintiff is entitled to be paid one additional hour of pay per day at his regular rate of compensation as additional wages for each denied meal period.
- 48. As a direct and proximate result of each Defendant's actions as alleged herein, Plaintiff suffered losses in amounts to be determined at trial.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(Failure to Maintain Time Records, Provide Itemized Statements—Violation of Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226 and 1174;
Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 11140;
IWC Wage Order 14)

Plaintiff, individually, Against All Defendants

49. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 48 as if fully set forth herein, and further alleges that:

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- 50. Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order 14, 8 California Code of Regulations § 11140 and Labor Code §§ 1174 and 226 require that each Defendant keep written daily records of each of its employee's hours of work and meal breaks and to maintain such records for at least three years; and to provide each employee with each periodic wage payment a writing setting forth, among other things, the dates of labor for which payment of wages is made, the total hours of work for which payment of wages is made, the gross and net wages paid, all deductions from those wages, and the name and address of the employer.
- 51. Plaintiff is informed and believes and therefore alleges that, during Plaintiff's employment, each Defendant knowingly and intentionally failed to keep and maintain written records of the daily hours Plaintiff worked and the meal breaks Plaintiff took as required by California law.
- 52. During Plaintiff's employment, each Defendant knowingly and intentionally failed to provide Plaintiff with itemized wage statements of each periodic wage payment as required by California law.
- 53. As a direct and proximate result of each Defendant's actions as alleged herein, Plaintiff was injured and suffered losses in amounts to be determined at trial.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(Failure to Provide Tools and Equipment –
Violation of Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 11140;
IWC Wage Order 14)
Plaintiff, individually, Against All Defendants

- 54. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 53 as if fully set forth herein, and further alleges that:
- 55. At all times relevant to this action, each Defendant did not pay twice the minimum wage to Plaintiff. At all times relevant to this action, each Defendant was required to provide and maintain tools and equipment necessary to the performance of the job, including, but not limited to, work boots, clothing and gloves, for Plaintiff pursuant to Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order 14, 8 California Code of Regulations § 11140.

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SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Tortious Breach of Warranty of Habitability)
Plaintiff, individually, and for the interest of other current and former employees, Against All Defendants

- 64. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 63 as if fully set forth herein, and further alleges that:
- 65. Defendants, as owners or operators of residential dwellings in California, owed and owe a duty to the Plaintiff to maintain safe and habitable residential rental units.
- 66. Defendants have breached their duty by intentionally failing to properly inspect, repair and maintain the property as fit for human habitation as required by State Housing Law.
- 67. Defendants' provision of the premises to their employees and maintaining the premises in a dangerous condition, unfit for human habitation and Defendants' continued failure to make repairs is intentional, wilful, fraudulent, oppressive, malicious and despicable.
- 68. Plaintiff, as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of the warranty of habitability, has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial. Plaintiff, is entitled to punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish and deter Defendants from such conduct in the future.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

Plaintiff, individually, and for the interest of other current and former employees, Against All Defendants

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- 69. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 68 as if fully set forth herein, and further alleges that:
- 70. Defendants, as owners and operators of residential dwellings in California, owed and owe a duty the Plaintiff to maintain habitable premises.
- 71. During Plaintiff's tenancy, Plaintiff repeatedly notified Defendants of the defective and dangerous conditions described in the complaint, which include, but are not limited to complaints about rotting walls, dirty carpets, water leakage from the roof, holes in the walls, lack of window screens, windows that could not be opened and heater problems.
- 72. Defendants have breached their duty by failing to repair defective and dangerous conditions described in this complaint after being notified by the Plaintiff.

and each similarly-employed person are entitled to Labor Code § 226.7 penalties in the nature of one

hour's wages for each day a required rest period was denied. Plaintiff and each similarly-employed

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As to the Seventh Cause of Action: 1 2 1. General damages. 3 2. Damage to personal property and economic loss in an amount to be proven at trial. 4 3. Punitive damages in an amount necessary to punish Defendants. 5 As to the Eighth Cause of Action: 6 1. General damages. 7 2. Damage to personal property and economic loss in an amount to be proven at trial. 8 As to the Ninth Cause of Action: 9 1. For a preliminary and permanent injunction ordering Defendants to cease the unlawful and unfair business practices as heretofore alleged. 10 11 2. For the appointment of a receiver and an accounting. 12 3. For restitution to Plaintiffs and other similarly employed people in amounts to be proven at trial. 13 14 As to the Tenth Cause of Action: 15 1. For enforcement and award of penalties to Plaintiffs and other similarly-employed people in 16 amounts to be proven at trial. 17 As to All Causes of Action: 18 For costs of suit herein generally and pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1. 19 1021.5. 20 For an award of pre-judgment interest as authorized under the law. 2, 21 3. For an award of post-judgment interest as authorized under the law. 22 4. For such other and further relief as this court deems just and proper. 23 DATED: February \5, 2006 CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE 24 INC. 25 26 27 28 Attorney for Plaintiff