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MICHAEL ROLAND

March 17, 2021

Just Me, Inc. Attn. Sheila Seidl 126 Harriman Road Swanville, ME 04915

RE: Violations of 26 MRS, Inspection #453120 *Certified Mail*: 70151520000109628317

Dear Sheila Seidl,

When our Inspector, Steven Spencer, contacted your place of business on 03/04/2021, the following violations of Maine Labor Law were found:

26 MRS §621-A Timely and Full Payment of Wages requires that employees be paid in full, on an established day or date, at regular intervals made known to the employee. The intervals may not exceed 16 days and must include all wages earned to within 8 days of the payment date.

In this case, the employer failed to pay and for work performed between 01/24/2021 and 01/30/2021. The same employee received pay for only 30 hours for work performed between 01/31/2021 and 02/06/2021 when she actually worked 47.9 hours.

The employer was previously cited for violating this statute on the following dates:

- 12/29/20 Warned that future violations of any of Maine's labor laws would result in penalties being assessed.
- 02/22/21 Assessed penalties. Employer paid penalties on 03.09.21

26 MRS §626-A PENALTIES Whoever violates any of the provisions of sections 621-A to 623 or section 626, 628, 629 or 629-B is subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for each violation. Each employee is counted as a separate violation, each pay cycle.

• 2 violations of §621-A

26 MRS §664 (3) Overtime Rate requires that employees be paid time-and-one-half their regular hourly rate for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week.

In this case, the employer failed to pay time and one half her regular hourly rate for the 47.9 hours she worked between 01/31/2021 and 02/06/2021.

26 MRS §665 (1) Pay Statement requires that employers provide to the employee with each payment of wages a statement which clearly shows the date of the pay period, hours worked, total earnings and itemized deductions.

In this case, the employer failed to provide period ending 02/06/2021.

The employer was previously cited for violating this statute and assessed penalties on 02/22/21. The employer paid the assessed penalties on 03/09/21.

26 MRS §671 PENALTIES Any employer who violates this subchapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200. In the event of the violation of any of the provisions of this subchapter, the Attorney General may institute injunction proceedings in the Superior Court to enjoin further violation thereof.

- 1 violation of §664
- 1 violation of §665

The total penalty for the above violation(s) is \$550.00.

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The violations identified above will become a final order within fifteen (15) business days from the day it was received unless you request a penalty discussion or file an appeal (see employer options) within the specified time frame listed above.

Employer options (within 15 business days):

If you intend to correct all violations identified and wish to work with the Wage & Hour Division to possibly reduce the penalty amount, you may request a "<u>Penalty Discussion</u>". This discussion will pertain only to the penalty(s) and not the violation(s). All proposed penalties will be stayed until after the penalty discussion.

Or

You may file a formal appeal of any violation or penalty within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this citation. Please be specific as to what violation(s) or penalty you wish to appeal. If a request for a formal appeal is received, the Director will set a time and date for a "hearing". The Director will serve as the hearing officer or may assign the appeal to the Administrative Hearings Division within the Department of Labor. The hearing will be at the headquarters of the Bureau or at a place mutually agreeable to the parties. All proposed penalties will be stayed until after the formal appeal is heard.

As the employer, you must respond in writing to the Director of the Bureau, at the address above, within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this report stating what option you intend to choose. If no response is received within that time frame you accept all citations and any penalties assessed. The citation will become a final order and payment will be due at that time, made payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine" and mailed to the address at the top of this citation.

We strongly recommend that any correspondence be sent by certified mail. Failure to correct violations may result in additional penalties for each violation that is not corrected.

If you have questions regarding this citation, you may contact the Bureau of Labor Standards, Wage & Hour Division at (207) 623-7900.

Dates to remember:

Respond in writing, to the Director of the Bureau within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this citation indicating what option you choose.

Respectfully,

Scott Cotnoir, Director Wage and Hour Division Inspection # 453120