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CASE NO: A-23-869440-C Department 18

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

DENISE TOLLEY, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,

DOLLAR TREE STORES, INC.; FAMILY DOLLAR SERVICES, LLC; FAMILY DOLLAR, INC.; FAMILY DOLLAR, LLC; DOES 1 through 50; inclusive,

Defendant(s).

Case No.: Dept. No.:

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Arbitration Exemption Claimed: Class Action

- 1) Failure to Pay Overtime in Violation of NRS § 608.018 and 608.140;
- 2) Failure to Timely Pay All Wages Due and Owing in Violation of NRS §§ 608.020-050 and 608.140; and,
- Injunctive Relief.

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LIEN REQUESTED PURSUANT TO NRS § 608.050

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff Denise Tolley ("Plaintiff" or "Tolley") on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated and alleges the following:

All allegations in the Complaint are based upon information and belief except for those allegations that pertain to the Plaintiff named herein and her counsel. Each allegation in the Complaint either has evidentiary support or is likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation and discovery.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has original jurisdiction over the state law claims alleged herein because the amount in controversy exceeds \$15,000 and a party seeking to recover unpaid wages has a private right of action pursuant to the Nevada Constitution, Article 15 Section 16, and Nevada Revised Statute ("NRS") sections 608.050 and 608.140. See Neville v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court in & for County of Clark, 406 P.3d 499, 502 (Nev. 2017); HG Staffing, LLC, et al. v Second Judicial District Court, Nevada Supreme Court Case No. 79118 (May 7, 2020).
- 2. Plaintiff also claims a private cause of action to foreclose a lien against the property owner for wages due pursuant to NRS § 608.050.
- 3. Plaintiff made a proper demand for wages due pursuant to NRS § 608.140 on April 18, 2023.
- 4. Venue is proper in this Court because the Defendants named herein maintain a principal place of business or otherwise are found in this judicial district and many of the acts complained of herein occurred in Clark County, Nevada.
 - 5. Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues triable by jury herein.

PARTIES

6. Plaintiff was at all relevant times a resident of the State of Nevada and was employed by Defendants as a non-exempt hourly employee from December 2019 to January 2023.

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- 7. Defendant Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. is a foreign corporation listed with the Nevada Secretary of State.
- 8. Defendant Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was doing business in this Judicial District in Clark County, Nevada where the subject incidences occurred.
- 9. At all times relevant, Defendant Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was Plaintiff's employer.
- 10. Defendant Family Dollar Services, LLC is a foreign limited-liability company listed with the Nevada Secretary of State.
- 11. Defendant Family Dollar Services, LLC was doing business in this Judicial District in Clark County, Nevada where the subject incidences occurred.
- 12. At all times relevant, Defendant Family Dollar Services, LLC was Plaintiff's employer.
- 13. Defendant Family Dollar, Inc. is a foreign corporation listed with the Nevada Secretary of State.
- Defendant Family Dollar, Inc. was doing business in this Judicial District in 14. Clark County, Nevada where the subject incidences occurred.
 - 15. At all times relevant, Defendant Family Dollar, Inc. was Plaintiff's employer.
- 16. Defendant Family Dollar, LLC is a foreign limited-liability company listed with the Nevada Secretary of State.
- 17. Defendant Family Dollar, LLC was doing business in this Judicial District in Clark County, Nevada where the subject incidences occurred.
- 18. At all times relevant, Defendant Family Dollar, LLC was Plaintiff's employer.
- 19. The Defendants named herein are the employer of the Plaintiff and all Class Members alleged herein. The Defendants are employers engaged in commerce under the provisions of NRS § 608.011. The identity of DOES 1-50 is unknown at the time and the Complaint will be amended at such time when the identities are known to

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Plaintiff. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each Defendant sued herein as DOE is responsible in some manner for the acts, omissions, or representations alleged herein and any reference to "Defendant" or "Defendants" herein shall mean "Defendant and each of them."

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 20. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants as a non-exempt employee from December 2019 to January 2023.
- 21. Defendants maintain an unlawful policy of not paying all daily overtime to non-exempt hourly employees who earn 1 ½ times less than the applicable minimum wage.
 - 22. Plaintiff has frequently worked over 8 hours in any 24-hour workday.
- 23. On many occasions, the number of hours she worked in a workday under Nevada law was over 8 hours in a 24-hour period of time.
- 24. For instance, during the workweek of May 26, 2022, Defendants scheduled Plaintiff to work and Plaintiff did work over 8 hours in a 24-hour period of time. See a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's timesheet work summary attached hereto as Exhibit I.
- 25. But despite having worked more than 8 hours in a 24-hour period of time, Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff at 1 ½ times her regular rate of pay for the overtime hours she worked. See a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's statement of earnings and deductions attached hereto as Exhibit II.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 26. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by this reference all the paragraphs above in this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 27. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and all other similarly situated employees as a class action under Rule 23 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 28. The **Nevada Overtime Class** is defined as "All hourly paid non-exempt persons employed by Defendants in the state of Nevada who earned less than 1 ½ times the applicable minimum wage and who worked over eight (8) hours in a workday at any

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time within 3 years from April 18, 2023 until judgment."

- 29. The Waiting Time Wages Class is defined as "All Nevada Overtime Class Members who are former employees of Defendants."
- 30. Class treatment is appropriate under Rule 23's class certification mechanism because:
- a. The Classes are Sufficiently Numerous: Upon information and belief, Defendants employ, and have employed, in excess of 40 Nevada Overtime Class Members within the applicable time period. Because Defendants are legally obligated to keep accurate payroll records, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' records will establish the members of the Classes as well as their numerosity.
- b. Plaintiff's Claim is Typical to Those of Fellow Class Members: Each Class Member is and was subject to the same practices, plans, or policies as Plaintiff: whether Defendants compensated Plaintiff and members of the Class daily overtime wages when they worked over 8 hours in a workday and whether members of the Waiting Time Wages Class are entitled to waiting time wages for the failure to pay them minimum, regular, and overtime wages owed.
- C. Common Questions of Law and Fact Exist: Common questions of law and fact exist and predominate as to Plaintiff and the Class Members, including, without limitation: whether Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the Class Members one and one-half times their regular rate for all hours worked in excess of 8 hours a workday and whether Defendants failed to pay the Waiting Time Wages Class Members all their wages due and owing in violation of NRS § 608.020-050.
- d. <u>Plaintiff is Adequate Representative of the Class</u>: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Classes because Plaintiff is a member of the Classes, she has issues of law and fact in common with all members of the Classes, and her interests are not antagonistic to Class members. Plaintiff and her counsel are aware of their fiduciary responsibilities to Class Members and are determined to discharge those duties diligently by vigorously seeking the maximum possible recovery

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for Class Members.

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Predominance/Superior Mechanism: Class claims predominate and e. a class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Each Class Member has been damaged and is entitled to recovery by reason of Defendants' illegal policy and/or practice of failing to compensate its employees in accordance with Nevada wage and hour law. The prosecution of individual remedies by each Class Member will tend to establish inconsistent standards of conduct for Defendants and result in the impairment of Class Members' rights and the disposition of their interest through actions to which they were not parties.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Failure to Pay Overtime Wages in Violation of NRS §§ 608.018 and 608.140 (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Nevada Overtime Class)

- 31. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by this reference all the paragraphs above in this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 32. NRS § 608.140 provides that an employee has a private right of action for unpaid wages.
 - 33. NRS § 608.018(1) provides as follows:

An employer shall pay 1 1/2 times an employee's regular wage rate whenever an employee who receives compensation for employment at a rate less than 1 1/2 times the minimum rate prescribed pursuant to NRS 608.250 works: (a) More than 40 hours in any scheduled week of work; or (b) More than 8 hours in any workday unless by mutual agreement the employee works a scheduled 10 hours per day for 4 calendar days within any scheduled week of work.

34. NRS § 608.018(2) provides as follows:

> An employer shall pay 1 1/2 times an employee's regular wage rate whenever an employee compensation for employment at a rate not less than 1 1/2 times the minimum rate prescribed pursuant to NRS 608.250 works more than 40 hours in any scheduled week of work.

35. As described above, Defendants maintain a policy and/or practice of illegal shift jamming (i.e., refusing to pay daily overtime when Plaintiff and members of the Nevada Overtime Class worked over 8 hours in a workday). As a result, Plaintiff and

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Nevada Overtime Class Members have been denied overtime compensation according to Nevada law.

36. Wherefore, Plaintiff demands for herself and all Nevada Overtime Class Members that Defendants pay Plaintiff and Nevada Overtime Class Members one and one-half times their "regular rate" of pay for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday during the relevant time period together with attorneys' fees, costs, and interest as provided by law.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Waiting Time Wages Pursuant to NRS §§ 608.020-.050 and 608.140 (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Waiting Time Wages Class)

- 37. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by this reference all the paragraphs above in this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 38. NRS § 608.140 provides that an employee has a private right of action for unpaid wages.
- 39. NRS § 608.020 provides that "[w]henever an employer discharges an employee, the wages and compensation earned and unpaid at the time of such discharge shall become due and payable immediately."
- 40. NRS § 608.030 provides that "[w]henever an employee resigns or guits his or her employment, the wages and compensation earned and unpaid at the time of the employee's resignation or quitting must be paid no later than...[t]he day on which the employee would have regularly been paid the wages or compensation; or[s]even days after the employee resigns or guits...whichever is earlier."
- 41. NRS § 608.040(1) (a-b), in relevant part, imposes additional wages on an employer who fails to pay a discharged or quitting employee: "Within 3 days after the wages or compensation of a discharged employee becomes due; or on the day the wages or compensation is due to an employee who resigns or quits, the wages or compensation of the employee continues at the same rate from the day the employee resigned, quit, or was discharged until paid for 30-days, whichever is less."

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42. NRS § 608.050 grants an "employee lien" to each discharged or laid-off employee for the purpose of collecting the wages or compensation owed to them "in the sum agreed upon in the contract of employment for each day the employer is in default, until the employee is paid in full, without rendering any service therefore; but the employee shall cease to draw such wages or salary 30 days after such default."

- By failing to pay Waiting Time Wages Class Members their minimum, regular, and overtime wages in violation of state and federal law, Defendants have failed to timely remit all wages due and owing to the Waiting Time Wages Class Members.
- 44. Despite demand, Defendants willfully refused and continue to refuse to pay Waiting Time Wages Class Members all the wages that were due and owing upon the termination of their employment.
- 45. Wherefore, the Waiting Time Wages Class Members demand thirty (30) days of pay as waiting wages under NRS §§ 608.040 and 608.140, and thirty (30) days of pay as waiting wages under NRS §§ 608.050 and 608.140, together with attorneys' fees, costs, interest, and punitive damages, as provided by law.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION Injunctive/Declaratory Relief (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Nevada Overtime Class)

- 46. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by this reference all the paragraphs above in this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 47. As Defendants have failed to compensate Plaintiff and members of the Overtime Class at the correct overtime wage rate for all the overtime hours that they worked pursuant to NRS § 608.018, Defendants have wrongfully withheld wages properly-owed to the Plaintiff and the Overtime Class Members.
- 48. Plaintiff and the Nevada Overtime Class will suffer irreparable injury if Defendants are not enjoined from the future wrongful retention of wages owed.
- 49. As a result of the aforementioned unlawful payment practices, Plaintiff submits that there has been a likelihood of success on the merits that Plaintiff and the Class Members have been damaged, that there is irreparable harm, and Plaintiff

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requests that this Honorable Court enter an Order that restrains Defendants from attempting to enforce the alleged unlawful payment practices.

- 50. Plaintiff requests that this Honorable Court enter a declaration of rights/obligations in regards to all such unlawful payment practices in this matter.
- 51. Further, disputes and controversies have arisen between the parties relative to the lawfulness of the payment practices, and Plaintiff is entitled to have an order entered pursuant to Chapter 30 of the Nevada Revised Statutes construing the payment practices and adjudging and declaring Plaintiff and the Class Members' rights and remedies thereunder including such an Order stating that such payment practices are unlawful.
- 52. Plaintiff has been required to retain the services of an attorney and is entitled to a reasonable award of attorneys' fees and costs.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore Plaintiff, by herself and on behalf of all Class Members, prays for relief as follows relating to her class action allegations:

- 1. For an order certifying this action as a class action on behalf the proposed Classes and providing notice to all Class Members so they may participate in this lawsuit;
- 2. For an order appointing Plaintiff as the Representative of the Classes and her counsel as Class Counsel;
- 3. For damages according to proof for overtime compensation under NRS §§ 608.018 and 608.140 for all hours worked over 8 hours per day;
- 4. For waiting time wages pursuant to NRS §§ 608.040-.050 and 608.140;
- 5. For a lien on the property where Plaintiff and all Nevada Class Members labored pursuant to NRS § 608.050;
- 6. For interest as provided by law at the maximum legal rate;
- 7. For injunctive relief;
- 8. For declaratory relief;

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- ble attorneys' fees authorized by statute;
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- ment and post-judgment interest, as provided by law; and,
- ner and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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Respectfully submitted,

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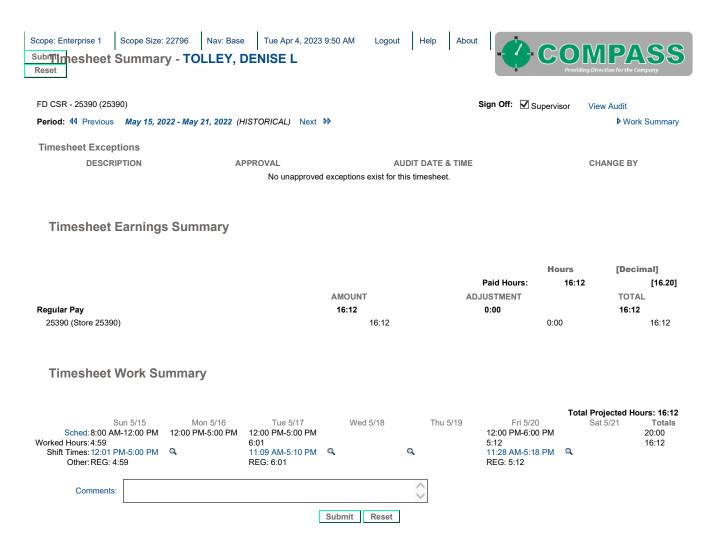
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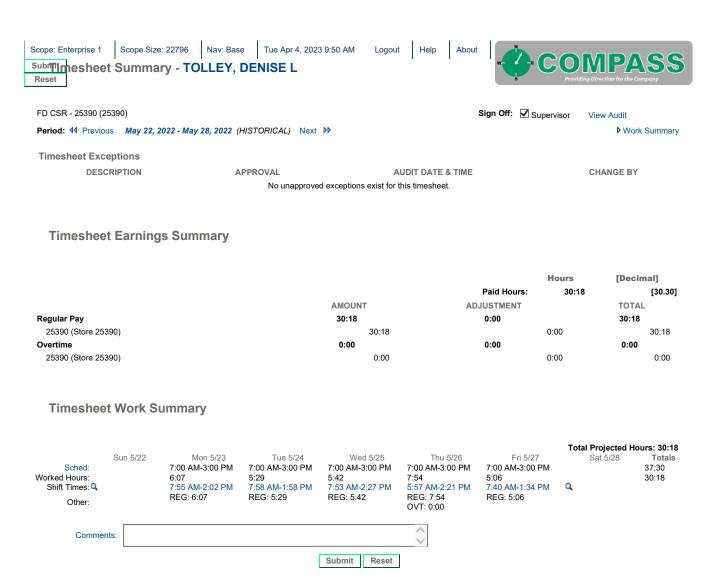


EXHIBIT II



Family Dollar, Inc.

500 Volvo Parkway · Chesapeake VA 23320 757-321-5000

Wage rates are determined by Family Dollar

Statement of Earnings and Deductions

Pay Statement Number: 2127726179 Net Pay: \$442.30

Name: DENISE L TOLLEY Social Security Number: XXX-XX-

Team Member ID: 7023054 **Location:** 25390

Period Start: 5/15/2022 **Period End:** 5/28/2022 **Payment Date:** 6/3/2022

Federal and State Tax Withholdings			
Туре	Status	Allowances	Additional
Federal	Single	0	\$0.00

	Earnings			
Description	Rate	Hours	Current	YTD
REG W	10.30	46.50	\$478.95	\$698.34
TOTAL HOURS WORKED		46.50		
TOTAL EARNINGS			\$478.95	\$698.34

Tax Deductions		
Description	Current	YTD
SS Tax	\$29.70	\$43.30
FED TAX	\$0.00	\$0.00
MEDI W/H	\$6.95	\$10.1
TOTAL TAX	\$36.65	\$53.43

Pay Statement Summary			
Description	Current	YTD	
TOTAL EARNINGS	\$478.95	\$698.34	
TOTAL TAX	- \$36.65	- \$53.43	
TOTAL PRE-TAX	- \$0.00	- \$0.00	
TOTAL OTHER (DEDUCTIONS)	- \$0.00	- \$0.00	
TOTAL NET EARNINGS	\$442.30	\$644.91	

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Balance Type	Hours	
PTO	0.000000	

Deposit Information		
Type of Account	Account Number	Amount
DEPOSIT	* * * * * * * *	\$442.30

If you have enrolled in DailyPay, the account number listed above is the last 4 digits of your DailyPay account number, not your bank account.

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You will need to provide your login ID and your password.