UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA CASE NO. 16-21817-CIV-O'SULLIVAN [CONSENT]

ELDER LEOPOLDO GARCIA ROBLES, JAIRO OVIDIO GARCIA ROBLES, FREDY OTONIEL VALLADARES LOPEZ a/k/a ALEXANDRO BARRIOS,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

ACEBO ROOFING CORP., PEDRO L. ACEBO, OCTAVIO E. ACEBO,

Defendants.	
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ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND DISMISSING CASE WITH PREJUDICE

THIS MATTER came before the Court notice from the parties that the case has settled and the Court having conducted a hearing concerning the settlement.

THE COURT has heard from counsel and considered the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the pertinent portions of the record, and is otherwise fully advised in the premises.

This case involves a claim for unpaid overtime compensation under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §201, et seq ("FLSA"). In reviewing a settlement of an FLSA private claim, a court must "scrutiniz[e] the settlement for fairness," and determine that the settlement is a "fair and reasonable resolution of a bona fide dispute over FLSA provisions." Lynn Food Stores v. United States, 679 F.2d 1350, 1352-53 (11th Cir. 1982). A settlement entered into in an adversarial context where both sides

are represented by counsel throughout litigation "is more likely to reflect a reasonable compromise of disputed issues." <u>Id</u>. The district court may approve the settlement in order to promote the policy of encouraging settlement of litigation. Id. at 1354.

In this case, there is a bona fide factual dispute over the total number of hours for which the plaintiffs have not been compensated. The terms of the settlement were announced on the record in open Court. The Court has reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement including the amount to be received by the plaintiffs and the attorney's fees and costs to be received by counsel and finds that the compromise reached by the parties is a fair and reasonable resolution of the parties' bona fide disputes. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the parties' Settlement Agreement (including attorney's fees and costs) is hereby APPROVED. It is further

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that this case is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

The Court retains jurisdiction until Friday, August 31, 2018 to enforce the terms of the settlement.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mark this case as CLOSED.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida, this 1st day of

September, 2017.

JÓHN J. O'SULLIVAN

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Copies to: All counsel of record