

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
CASE NO. 17-21165-CIV-O'SULLIVAN
[CONSENT]

GEORGE LAURENCE LAZO,
Plaintiff,

v.

WEST COAST TRUCKING CORP.
and MANUEL QUINTERO,
Defendants.

**ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
DISMISSING CASE WITH PREJUDICE**

THIS MATTER came before the Court following notice 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." Id. 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 legal dispute over whether any FLSA exemptions apply. 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 plaintiff 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 November 13, 2017** 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 **3rd** day of October, 2017.



JOHN J. O'SULLIVAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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All counsel of record