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WORKERS FILE SUIT TO RECOVER STOLEN WAGES FROM ABUSIVE BOSS, HOLD BIG CORPORATE EMPLOYERS ACCOUNTABLE

BIRMINGHAM, AL – Today at 2:00 PM a group of low-wage Latino workers and their advocates and legal representatives will hold a press conference and rally outside the Hugo L. Black United States Courthouse to celebrate the filing of a federal lawsuit to recover their stolen wages, hold big corporate employers accountable, and call for an end to wage theft in the Birmingham area.. The workers will be joined by fellow workers, local organizers, faith leaders, and legal representatives from Adelante Alabama Worker Center and Greater Birmingham Ministries.

“We have tried multiple times to recover my wages. Many of us have been affected by wage theft and are afraid to come forward because employers often try and intimidate us. Today, I am here to say that I have had enough and will no longer stand for this abuse,” stated Gabriel Diaz, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

Miguel Carpizo, an organizer with Greater Birmingham Ministries, said “No one wants to talk about wage theft in our city, but we won't be silenced anymore. Employers need to be held accountable for the way they do business. Therefore, we will remain vigilant, we are here to stay and fight beside these workers.”

“The federal courts play an important role in protecting the rights of workers like Gabriel, Rafael, and Javier against abuses not just by small-time unscrupulous bosses like Defendant Antonio Mondragon, but also by large corporate employers like Builders FirstSource. Because of their failure to pay the workers what they're owed, these employers now run the risk of being held liable for double the amount of unpaid wages plus attorney's fees and costs.” stated Jessica Vosburgh, attorney for the plaintiffs and Executive Director of Adelante.

WHAT: Press conference and rally
WHEN: Friday, June 17, 2016 at 2:00-2:45 PM
WHERE: Outside the Hugo L. Black United States Courthouse, 1729 5th Ave N,



Birmingham, AL 35203

WHO: Plaintiffs, other low-wage workers, advocates and legal representatives
VISUALS: Workers and advocates bearing signs and banners, singing chants to stop wage theft; press statements by plaintiff, attorney, and organizer

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