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January 4, 2012

Clerk's Office Eastern District Court 601 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19106-1797

RE: Kelly Reed v. St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network and Quincy Rogers

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the following for filing:

 One (1) original and one (1) copy of Plaintiff's Complaint, Case Management Track Designation Form, Designation Form, Civil Cover sheet and a disk with all documents in PDF format. Also, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$350.00 for Court Filing Fee.

Kindly file with the Court and return a file-stamped copy in the envelope provided at your earliest possible convenience.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

SWARTZ SWIDLER, LLC

s/ Justin Swidler
JUSTIN SWIDLER, Esq.

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

KELLY REED, on behalf of herself and those similarly situated, 517 Blaker Drive East Greenville, PA 18041

COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR UNPAID OVERTIME UNDER FLSA

Plaintiff.

No.

v.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

ST. LUKES HOSPITAL & HEALTH NETWORK 1021 Park Avenue Ouakertown, PA 19401

and

JOHN DOES 1-10

Defendants.

#### **COLLECTIVE ACTION CIVIL COMPLAINT**

Kelly Reed ("Named Plaintiff"), on behalf of herself and those similarly situated (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiffs"), hereby complains as follows against Defendants.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Named Plaintiff has initiated the instant action to redress violations by Defendants of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"). Named Plaintiff asserts that Defendants failed to pay Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs proper overtime compensation in violation of the FLSA.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth in their entirety.
- 3. This Court may properly maintain personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants' contacts with this state and this judicial district are sufficient for the exercise of

jurisdiction over Defendants to comply with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

- 4. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because the claims herein arise under laws of the United States, the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.
- 5. Venue is properly laid in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)(1) and (b)(2), because Defendants reside in and/or conduct business in this judicial district and because a substantial part of the acts and/or omissions giving rise to the claims set forth herein occurred in this judicial district.

#### **PARTIES**

- 6. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
- 7. Plaintiff Kelly Reed is an adult individual with an address as set forth above.
- 8. Defendant St. Lukes Hospital and Health Network ("Defendant") is an entity with an address as set forth above.
- 9. Defendants John Doe 1 through John Doe 5 are presently unknown persons who, directly or indirectly, directed, aided, abetted, and/or assisted with creating and/or executing the policies and practices of Defendants which resulted in Defendants' failing to pay Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs proper compensation pursuant to the FLSA.
- 10. Defendants John Doe 6 through John Doe 10 are presently unknown persons who had control over processing payroll regarding Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs.
- 11. At all times relevant herein, Defendants acted by and through their agents, servants, and employees, each of whom acted at all times relevant herein in the course and scope of their employment with and for Defendants.

#### FLSA COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 12. Named Plaintiff brings this action for violations of the FLSA as a collective action pursuant to Section 16(b) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), on behalf of all persons presently and formerly employed by Defendant in non-exempt positions subject to Defendant's unlawful pay practices and policies described herein and who worked for Defendant at any point in the three years preceding the date the instant action was initiated (the members of this putative class are referred to as "Plaintiffs").
- 13. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs worked and work at different facilities of Defendant but are subjected to the same unlawful wage policies and practices described herein.
- 14. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are similarly situated, have substantially similar non-managerial job duties, have substantially similar pay provisions, and are all subject to Defendant's unlawful policies and practices as described herein.
- 15. There are numerous similarly situated current and former employees of Defendant who were compensated improperly for overtime work in violation of the FLSA and who would benefit from the issuance of a Court Supervised Notice of the instant lawsuit and the opportunity to join in the present lawsuit.
- 16. Similarly situated employees are known to Defendant, are readily identifiable by Defendant, and can be located through Defendant's records.
- 17. Therefore, Named Plaintiff should be permitted to bring this action as a collective action for and on behalf of herself and those employees similarly situated, pursuant to the "optin" provisions of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 18. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
- 19. Named Plaintiff worked for Defendant in Pennsylvania from in or about August of 2009 to in or about March of 2011.
- 20. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are current and/or former hourly employees of Defendant, who within the last three years have been or are presently employed by Defendant.
- 21. Upon information and belief, Defendant has maintained an unlawful wage payment system for at least the last three years, and have enforced such unlawful policies at each of their facilities named in this lawsuit.

#### OFF-THE-CLOCK VIOLATIONS: THE 12-MINUTE "GRACE PERIOD"

- 22. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth in their entirety.
- 23. Defendant utilizes a computerized system ("Kronos") which tracks the exact time (accurate to 1 minute or less) an employee clocks in and clocks out of work.
- 24. Even though Defendant maintains a system which records, to the minute, the time an employee clocks in and clocks out, Defendant fails to compensate its employees according to the actual clock-in and clock-out times.
- 25. Per Defendant's written discipline policy, an employee is subject to discipline if he or she clocks in at any point after the official start time of his or her shift.
- 26. Shelly Malley, Defendant's director of human resources, testified that employees may be disciplined for being even 1-minute late.
- 27. Kevin Parker, a supervisor for Defendant, testified that Defendant requires its employees to clock-in prior to the start-time of their shift, and permits such employees to clock-in up to 12-minutes before the start of their shift. This period of time is referred to by Defendant as the "grace period."

- 28. For Defendant to consider Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs "on-time," they must clock in during this 12-minute "grace period."
- 29. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs perform work for Defendant upon clocking in; accordingly, beyond clocking in, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs perform actual work for Defendant during this 12-minute "grace period."
- 30. Defendant does not compensate Named Plaintiff or Plaintiffs for any work performed during the "grace period." Such worked is performed off-the-clock and is not compensated.
- 31. Moreover, at the end of the shift, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs must clock out of working using the Kronos system.
- 32. Per Defendant's policies, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs may not clock-out before the official end time of their shift, and they must clock out no more than 12 minutes after their shift ends.
- 33. The Kronos system records the actual clock-out time with an accuracy of 1-minute or less.
- 34. Nevertheless, Defendant does not compensate Named Plaintiff or Plaintiffs to the actual clock-out time, instead, Defendant only compensates Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs to the scheduled end time of their shifts.
- 35. Accordingly, on nearly every shift, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs perform work for Defendant while off the clock during this end-of-shift "grace period."
- 36. Defendant's "grace period" system unfairly benefits Defendant in that, most of the time, it results in Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs being paid for substantially less time than they actually worked.

- 37. Defendant has no good faith basis to use such a rigged system as their time clocks record the actual clock in and clock out times to at least a one-minute accuracy.
- 38. As Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs routinely work overtime, this unpaid time results has resulted in Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs being denied proper overtime compensation.

#### **UNLAWFUL LUNCH DEDUCTIONS**

- 39. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth in their entirety.
- 40. Per Defendant's policies, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs may take a 30-minute unpaid lunch break each shift.
- 41. However, Defendant automatically deducts 30 minutes of paid time from Named Plaintiffs' and Plaintiffs' paychecks for each shift Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs work, whether or not a lunch break is taken.
- 42. Accordingly, Defendant does not accurately track Named Plaintiff's and Plaintiffs' time for "unpaid breaks."
- 43. In addition, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are subject to discipline if they take a lunch break which lasts longer than 30 minutes.
- 44. Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are routinely docked for 30-minute lunch breaks even when they do not take a bona-fide meal break of at least 30 minutes.
- 45. As Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs routinely work overtime, this unpaid time results has resulted in Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs being denied proper overtime compensation.

#### **COUNT I**

# Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") (Failure to pay Overtime Compensation) (Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs v. Defendants)

- 46. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
- 47. At all times relevant herein, Defendants have and continue to be "employers" within the meaning of the FLSA.
- 48. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were and are responsible for paying wages to Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs.
- 49. At all times relevant herein, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs were and are employed with Defendants as "employees" within the meaning of the FLSA.
- 50. Under the FLSA, an employer must pay an employee at least one and one half times his or her regular rate of pay for each hour worked in excess of forty hours per workweek.
- 51. Defendants' violations of the FLSA include, but are not limited to: (1) unlawfully docking Named Plaintiff's and Plaintiffs' overtime pay by using a rigged system which substantially favors Defendants; and (2) unlawfully docking Named Plaintiff's and Plaintiffs' overtime pay by reducing their pay by 30 minutes each shift, regardless of whether the employee took a bona-fide 30 minute meal break.
- 52. Defendants' conduct in failing to pay Named Plaintiff and Plaintiff's properly was and is willful and was and is not based upon any reasonable interpretation of the law.
- 53. As a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs have suffered damages as set forth herein.

WHEREFORE, Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs pray that this Court enter an Order

providing that:

Defendants are to be prohibited from continuing to maintain their illegal policy. (1)

practice, or customs in violation of federal wage and hour laws:

Defendants are to compensate, reimburse, and make Named Plaintiff and (2)

Plaintiffs whole for any and all pay and benefits they would have received had it not been for

Defendants' illegal actions, including but not limited to past lost earnings.

(3) Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are to be awarded, pursuant to the FLSA, liquidated

damages in an amount equal to the actual damages in this case:

(4) Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are to be awarded the costs and expenses of this

action and reasonable legal fees as provided by applicable law.

(5) Named Plaintiff and Plaintiffs are to be awarded all other relief this Court deems

just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s Justin L. Swidler

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