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**TRENTON** – Investigators from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development’s (NJDOL) Division of Wage and Hour Compliance issued the following stop-work order on May 5, 2026:

**Employer:** Brunello Trattoria Restaurant & Bar

**Address:** 300 Old Croton Road, Flemington, N.J. 08822

**Nature of Work:** Full-service restaurant

**SWO Category:** General Enforcement

**Violations:** Failure to pay minimum wage and overtime; recordkeeping and posting violations; hindrance of the investigation; failure to pay Earned Sick Leave; Earned Sick Leave records and notification/posting violations; failing to properly classify employees; unpaid wages/late payment.

**Monetary Assessments:** Wages \$14,501.18; Fees \$1,450.12; Penalties \$13,850.

**Workers Affected:** 14

“Paying workers properly isn't optional – it’s the law,” said **Assistant Commissioner for Wage and Hour Compliance Joseph Petrecca**. “When employers fail to meet their obligations under New Jersey’s wage and hour statutes, NJDOL will take action to protect workers and ensure compliance.”

NJDOL has issued 222 stop-work orders since these powers were expanded in July 2019.

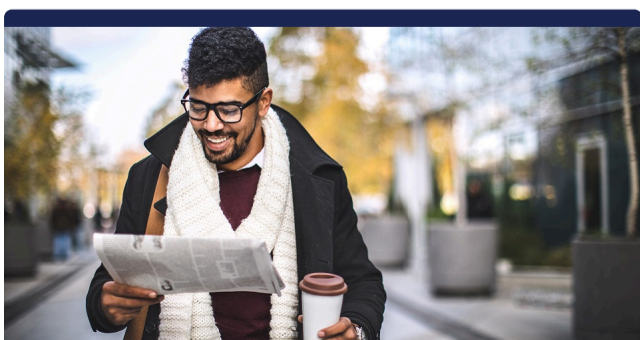
Stop-work orders are initiated by NJDOL to halt work being performed in a manner that exploits workers or is otherwise noncompliant with state laws and regulations. In General Enforcement cases, an assessment is made against a company found to be in violation of Wage and Hour laws and regulations. If the employer fails to contest or pay the assessment within the statutory time period, a stop-work order may be issued after a seven-day notice is served upon the employer. The stop-work order remains in place until the award is paid in full by the employer.

NJDOL continues to monitor locations where stop-work orders have been issued. Workers are to be paid during the time the stop-work order is in effect, for a period of up to 10 days. The stop-work order may be lifted if and when any remaining back wages and administrative fees have been paid and all related issues have been resolved.

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