

ESSEX COUNTY

Companies to pay \$850K to workers cheated out of OT

6 Updated on July 18, 2017 at 5:35 PM
Posted on July 18, 2017 at 5:34 PM

106
shares

By **Jessica Mazzola**, jmazzola@njadvancemedia.com,
NJ Advance Media for NJ.com

EAST ORANGE -- A trio of New Jersey construction companies has agreed to pay \$850,000 to employees offi receive fair overtime wages.

The three East Orange companies -- DKNJ Masonry Corp., Roy Rock LLC and Silver Construction Inc. -- all op reached the consent agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor, which announced Tuesday the outcome o into the businesses.

The federal agency said Pires's companies paid straight-time rates when employees worked more than 40 ho time-and-a-half, as required by law. The companies also failed to keep track of employees' hours worked, and hours of DKNJ employees in Silver Construction's payroll, the department said in a release.

The \$850,000 in back wages and damages will be paid out to 153 employees, the agency said.

"The construction industry is highly competitive. A company that avoids paying legally required wages gains a over its competitors," John Warner, director of the department's Northern New Jersey District Office.

Regional solicitor Jeffrey S. Rogoff added the agency's "goal is to ensure that workers receive the wages they that law-abiding businesses can compete fairly in the marketplace."



Reached by phone Tuesday, Pires's office said he declined to comment on the agreement.

Jessica Mazzola may be reached at jmazzola@njadvancemedia.com. Follow her on Twitter [@JessMazzola](#). [Facebook](#).

Registration on or use of this site constitutes acceptance of our [User Agreement](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

© 2017 New Jersey On-Line LLC. All rights reserved ([About Us](#)).

The material on this site may not be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, cached or otherwise used, except with the prior written permission of New Jersey On-Line LLC.

Community Rules apply to all content you upload or otherwise submit to this site.

[Ad Choices](#)