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## **CANTON COMPANY PAYS \$105,000 IN WAGES AND PENALTIES TO SETTLE CITATION ISSUED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL MARTHA COAKLEY**

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**BOSTON** - Today, Attorney General Martha Coakley cited Reliable Window and Siding Inc., a company based in Canton, for violating the state prevailing wage and payment of wage laws during its work on the Edgewater/Pynchon Terrace apartment complex in Springfield. Reliable improperly identified workers and as a result failed to pay over \$95,000 in wages to 50 workers.

Following an investigation by the Attorney General's Office, citations were issued ordering Reliable to pay \$105,000--\$95,000 in unpaid wages and \$10,000 in penalties. The investigation began in July 2006 with repeated surveillance of the work site to determine the proper trade classifications of workers. Subsequent examination of Certified Payroll Records showed that many of Reliable's employees who had been working as carpenters were mis-classified as laborers, and that Reliable was failing to pay the prevailing wage to employees when properly classified as laborers. The company also failed to pay its employees all wages owed within the required 6 days from the end of the pay period for work performed from September 2005 through October 2006.

Employers who work on public works projects are required to properly classify their employees and pay them a minimum trade wage as set by the Commonwealth's Division of Occupational Safety. Employees must also submit weekly Certified Payroll Records, which show the classification of each employee and his or her rate of pay to the appropriate awarding authority. Employers are required to pay all the wages that their employees have earned within 6 or 7 days of the end of the pay period.

Assistant Attorney General Jay Clark and Inspector Brian Davies of AG Coakley's Fair Labor Division handled the case.

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