

among 811 bicyclists who participated in the inaugural Phillies Charities Bike Ride near Citizens Bank Park in May

A city spokesperson says they are considering an appeal after the jury's decision Monday.

So. Jersey gas station employer is accused of wage violations

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CAMDEN – Employees at four South Jersey gas stations worked 70 to 80 hours a week without overtime pay, the U.S. Department of Labor alleges in a lawsuit.

In a civil suit, the federal agency also says workers were paid less than the minimum wage at Gulf stations in Collingswood, Oaklyn and Haddon Township and at a Citgo station in Haddon Township.

It says most of the employees worked at least 70 hours a week between April 2015 and May 2017. Six employees "regularly worked 84 hours each week," contends the suit.

At Oaklyn Gulf, it asserts, one employee received no pay while working "84 hours per week for a period of approximately 10 weeks."

That station, on the 700 block of White Horse Pike, has no relation to a car-repair shop, Oaklyn Gulf Service, on the pike's 300 block.

The lawsuit seeks back wages and other damages on behalf of at least 16 employees who worked as gas-pump attendants and convenience store

clerks.

It says the workers were employed by Balkar S. Saini, a Sewell man identified as the "managing member" of two firms that own the gas stations.

Saini could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

The lawsuit says one of Saini's firms, Jessie Gas & Go LLC, operates the Oaklyn station, as well as Haddon Gulf and Haddon Citgo stations, both on Route 130 in Haddon Township.

Another firm, Jassi Fuels LLC, operates Collingswood Gulf on Route 130 in Collingswood.

According to the lawsuit, most employees at the station received a flat monthly wage of \$2,100 to \$2,500 on average.

"In most cases, the monthly rate resulted in an hourly wage of less than the applicable minimum wage," alleges the suit, which was filed Monday in federal court, Camden.

The lawsuit also seeks a court order barring the defendants from future violations of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

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Taste correction

The house renovated to become Centanni Italian Pizza & Grill in Collingswood is owned by the owners of the restaurant, Tre Stella, LLC, headed by Arturo Chilelli and Gerardo Martire. Ownership of the building was reported incorrectly in Wednesday's Taste section.