

Brooklyn Tortilla Factory Owner Admits Guilt to FLSA and Workers' Compensation Violations

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A Brooklyn tortilla factory owner has admitted he is guilty of violating the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and workers' compensation statutes. Erasmo Ponce, owner of the Tortilleria Chinantla tortilla factory in Brooklyn, failed to pay his employees overtime wages, which violates the FLSA. Ponce also refused to pay injured workers workers' compensation benefits.

Ponce's labor violations came to light after one of his employees, Juan Baten, was crushed to death when he tumbled into one of the factory mixers and the Wage and Compensation Board began an investigation into the tortilla factory's labor practices. Ponce and his company will now pay \$300 thousand in workers' compensation benefits to Baten's widow. Another \$138 thousand will be paid in overtime wages and unpaid workers' compensation insurance to his employees.

"Violations of federal and state labor laws hurt workers and must be prosecuted," said Top New York Workers' Compensation Attorney David Perecman.

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"Falls are foreseeable and can be eliminated or controlled before they cause injury or even death," continued Perecman, the founder of The Perecman Firm, one of New York's construction accident law firms. The [New York Construction Accident Attorneys](#) focus on cases involving personal injury, construction accidents, and wrongful death in New York and New Jersey, including Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Westchester, the Bronx, Long Island, Harlem, and upstate New York. Contact David Perecman of [The Perecman Firm](#).