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Jonathan Rodriguez is my name, and I was a victim of wage theft. not just once, but also numerous times and in various ways. On certain projects, I even worked for a subcontractor that constantly pulled this string in order to enrich themselves. By "They," I mean multiple owners. For the business, I had the position of supervisor. i.e. inspecting the work and ensuring that some carpenters aren't discussing their pay among themselves. Since it was not my responsibility, I never understood what an employee's actual pay was. I left the company as soon as I learned what was happening. I was only with them for four months.

My second anecdote involves a week of work I did on a hotel project when I was 21 years old without even signing a tax form. I was meant to receive my cash payment by the end of the week. And that money never showed up. I gave up on this project as a result. I doubt I'll ever see the money I worked so hard for.

My final example supports the testimony I listened to today in the capitol building on March 8, 2023. I was shocked to learn that wage theft never occurs in the residential area. As I could hear the lying pouring in, I just stood still. The claim that the individual has never witnessed it occur in the home area may be accurate. "Your eyes closed will never allow you to see anything. Continue reading my final story that has to do with that person's testimony. At the age of 12, I began working in the residential facility for 12 hours a day, from 7 am to 7 pm, for just \$100 (cash). I continued working there until I was 18.