

## Ex-Jet's staff: We lose in OT

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That's an illegal block — of overtime pay.

The feds have flagged former Jet star Wayne Chrebet for a slew of alleged labor violations, including shortchanging employees of his Long Island restaurant and sports bar on wages and OT, court records reveal.

The civil action, brought by US Department of Labor lawyers in federal court, claimed the ex-receiver has been ripping off workers at his Social Sports Kitchen in Uniondale since 2010.

A lawyer representing Social Sports Kitchen claimed the Long Island restaurant and feds have settled their differences.

"The matter has been resolved amicably," the lawyer, Steven Sack, told The Post yesterday, although he refused to prove that through documentation.

"In the agreement, the restaurant denies any allegations of wrongdoing."

But officials countered that a final settlement of the issue has not yet been reached, and noted that any agreement must first be approved by a federal judge.

A US Department of Labor spokesman said that the agency and the restaurant are in the process of "exploring a settlement."

Although officials did not disclose the terms of the settlement negotiations, a final agreement would likely involve a court order mandating a variety of sanctions.

"A consent judgment would spell out the corrective actions an employer has agreed to take, and in a case like this, that could include payment of back wages to the workers, as well as an injunction to refrain from future violations of law," said Ted Fitzgerald, a US Department of Labor spokesman.

A cook told The Post he often clocks more than 40 hours a week without receiving a dime of OT.

"Sometimes I work 50 hours a week or more but they don't pay any overtime," the cook said.

The agency's suit represents an embarrassing development for Chrebet - who played 11 seasons for the Jets - considering that he's successfully recast himself after his NFL departure as a high-profile financial adviser specializing in top-drawer clients.

Just last week, it was announced that Chrebet had been hired by Barclay's after being lured away from his post at Morgan Stanley - along with a team of colleagues led by a managing director ranked recently by Barron's as the Number One financial adviser in New Jersey.

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