



QUEENS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ presented checks totaling more than \$1.5 million to victims of a prevailing wage scam. The money distributed is the stolen wages recovered by the DA's Office following an investigation and the prosecution of Laser Electric and its owner Jagdeep Deol. The defendants pleaded guilty in September to failing to pay a prevailing wage and made restitution at sentencing. This money is being returned to the nine workers above and others. The employees - over the course of several years - had been victimized in a con commonly referred to as a prevailing wage scam. After acquiring City contracts, the defendants billed New York City as if they were paying their workers the union rate when, in reality, they were paying the employees substantially less and pocketing the difference. [11.10.2020]