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Case Name:

Sandra Perez

vs.

Sbarro LLC dba Sbarro Pizza

Charge No.:

NERC No. 0418-17-0176L

EEOC No. 34B-2017-00721C

Charging Party:

Sandra Perez



Respondent Legal Representative:

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DETERMINATION

Respondent, Sbarro LLC dba Sbarro Pizza, is an employer, within the meaning of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e, et seq., and NRS 613.310 and timeliness and all other requirements for coverage have been met.

The above referenced Charge of Discrimination was filed by Charging Party, Sandra Perez, against her former employer, Sbarro LLC dba Sbarro Pizza alleging quid pro quo sexual harassment.

Ms. Perez claimed General Manager [REDACTED] hired her and her family members for employment. For this reason, Ms. Perez indicated [REDACTED] would take her into the cooler and force her to have sex with him. Due to having sex with [REDACTED] in the workplace, Ms. Perez also claimed [REDACTED] subjected her to sexual harassment in the workplace. Ms. Perez stated [REDACTED] would chase her in the cooler and force her to touch their genitals.

Due to the hostile work environment, Ms. Perez stated she complained internally to the Respondent and claimed they failed to address her complaint through appropriate corrective action.

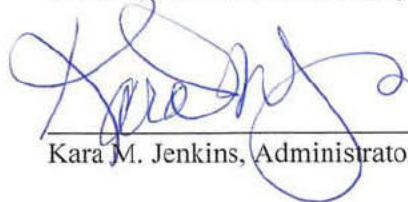
The Respondent denied Ms. Perez's allegations of sexual harassment and claimed during their internal investigation all three individuals named in the NERC Charge denied the allegations because various employees frequently go back and forth between the front and back of the store. Furthermore, the Respondent indicated other witnesses interviewed denied Ms. Perez's allegations of sexual harassment and described her as a bad employee who was suspected to be under the influence of drugs while at work.

Evidence obtained during this investigation confirmed [REDACTED] engaged and promoted a sexually hostile work environment towards Ms. Perez. [REDACTED] transferred Ms. Perez from the Respondent's Monte Carlo location to their Bally's location when confronted by Ms. Perez's family members over the accusations that [REDACTED] were sexually harassing Ms. Perez and her family members. It is possible if Ms. Perez's family members had not confronted the alleged discriminating offenders it is more than likely Ms. Perez would still be subjected to sexual harassment in the workplace.

Based on the above, probable cause supports the charge of sex discrimination.

NRS 233.170(2) requires that if the Commission determines that there is reason to believe that violations have occurred, it shall endeavor to eliminate unlawful employment practices by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion. Having determined that there is reason to believe that violations have occurred, the Commission now invites the parties to join with it in a collective effort toward a just resolution of this matter via Conciliation on **Thursday, August 30, 2018, at 9:30 am** via telephone. Call-in information will be provided once you confirm. Enclosed is an "Invitation to Participate in Conciliation Efforts" form. All parties are to indicate their willingness to enter into these efforts by completing the enclosed form and returning it to this office within ten (10) days of the date of this letter. In the event the parties refuse to participate in conciliation, the Commission shall close the charge and forward to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") for determination as to whether the EEOC will prosecute the matter and/or for the issuance of a Right to Sue Letter.

On Behalf of the Commission,



Kara M. Jenkins, Administrator