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COCA-COLA FORKLIFT OPERATOR RECEIVES \$5,000 IN BACK PAY

A Teamsters Local 727-represented member at Coca-Cola Niles received more than \$5,000 in back pay after he was wrongfully denied workers' compensation.

Arel Cervantes, a third-shift forklift operator, requested light duty following an injury, but the company unjustly refused his request and he was forced to continue doing his normal duties. The union filed a grievance and worked swiftly to resolve the issue.

The union's efforts resulted in Cervantes receiving \$5,255.64 in back pay — the difference in wages between the light-duty rate and the regular rate for a forklift operator — for hours worked between June 8 and Aug. 31.

"The union is committed to protecting our members' rights and ensuring they are not mistreated by management," said John Coli Jr., President of Local 727.

Teamsters Local 727 represents more than 9,000 hardworking men and women, including nearly 2,000 beverage industry workers throughout the Chicago area.

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