

Sydney company director faces court over alleged \$7000 underpayment

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The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against the former sole director of a Sydney business over an alleged \$7000-plus underpayment of two employees.

Facing court is Rose Bay man Ron Baruch, who was formerly the sole director, manager and part-owner of Linkwizz Pty Ltd, a Rockdale-based business which sold online advertising space.

Mr Baruch was allegedly centrally involved in underpaying two Sydney sales employees a total of \$7060 in 2009.

It is alleged the two male employees, aged in their 20s, worked for Linkwizz for three weeks, but did not receive any pay.

It is alleged the employees were each entitled to have been paid \$3530 in wages, annual leave entitlements and wages in lieu of notice.

Fair Work inspectors discovered the alleged underpayments when they investigated complaints lodged by the workers.

It is alleged Mr Baruch was also involved in failing to make and keep proper employment records.

Linkwizz went into liquidation last year, preventing the Fair Work Ombudsman from prosecuting the company.

Mr Baruch was allegedly involved in numerous breaches of workplace laws.

He faces maximum potential penalties of \$6600 per breach for the underpayment matters and \$1100 per breach for the record-keeping matters.

The case will be heard in the Federal Magistrates Court in Sydney.

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