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It's time to bring the crime of wage theft out of the shadows and in to the light of day. A hard day's work should equal a fair day's pay.

Workers Interfaith Network, an organization of people of faith and low-wage workers in Shelby County, is urging the Shelby County Sherriff and District Attorney to do their part to stop wage theft. Right now, if workers don't get paid, in most cases all they can do is file a complaint with a government agency or pay a lawyer to represent them in court. This process can take months or even years, and most workers who experience wage theft don't have money for a lawyer.

That's why we're calling on Sherriff Luttrell and District Attorney Gibbons to recognize wage theft as a crime, so that workers can file criminal charges against employers who do not pay them for their work.

For more information on the crisis of wage theft, and to learn how you can help, visit [www.workersinterfaithnetwork.org](http://www.workersinterfaithnetwork.org) or call (901) 332-3570.

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