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# Qatari couple fined for failing to pay live-in employee in Cambridge

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A couple from Qatar has paid \$3,000 to resolve allegations that they failed to properly pay a live-in employee for childcare services in violation of the state's wage and hour and domestic worker laws, according to Attorney General Maura Healey.

The investigation found that Mohammed and Adeela Alyafei failed to pay minimum wage and overtime and failed to comply with the state's Domestic Worker s Bill of Rights while living in Cambridge.

The investigation was conducted by the AG's Office, in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations and the Cambridge Police Department.

An investigation began in March after there were allegations that a woman had been held against her will and not paid wages by her employers in Cambridge. The investigation revealed that the Alyafeis had travelled from Qatar to Cambridge with their family and brought a domestic worker with them to help care for their children.

Once in Cambridge, the Alyafeis failed to pay the worker for several weeks of work, according to authorities. After the worker requested her wages and asked to return home to the Philippines, the Alyafeis allegedly demanded her passport, immediately bought her plane ticket back to Qatar, and threatened to punish her upon her return.