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U.S. Files Suit Against Shop Tied to Watergate

MIAMI, Fla., May 18 (AP) —The U.S. Labor Department has filed suit against a photo shop where Watergate film was allegedly proc-

essed, charging the shop with violations in overtime pay and record keeping.

Michael Richardson said the labor department began probing his father's photo shop soon after President Nixon's re-election.

"None of our employees complained," Richardson said. "Nobody complained until they went around and got complaints."

A department spokesman said an investigation had been conducted and a suit filed this week against Rich Photos Inc., charging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Last June 19, two days after the burglary at Democratic national headquarters in Washington, Richardson went to FBI agents in Miami. He said two of the men arrested in the Watergate break-in had paid him \$93.10 to enlarge 38 photos a week before the break-in.

He claimed he recognized newspaper photographs of two Miami men, Bernard Barker and Frank Sturgis, who were among the seven men later convicted in the case.

Richardson said the photos were apparently of private correspondence of Democratic National Committee chairman Lawrence O'Brien.

In Washington, labor department information director John W. Leslie said there is no connection between the investigation and Watergate. Department agent John H. Everhart of Miami, one of the investigators, would not elaborate on the charges except to say that the 1938 labor law requires that employers keep records of hours and overtime paid, and he said this wasn't done.