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Ill workers to file complaints on E-Verify system

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Former employees of a suburban Chicago hotel plan to file complaints saying the hotel violated state law when officials allegedly used E-Verify to check workers after they'd already been employed.

The complaints to the Illinois Department of Labor allege five Red Roof Inn employees were wrongfully fired after the federal online database was used.

That includes Margarita Sanchez, who was a laundry worker for 14 years at the Hoffman Estates hotel.

E-Verify is used to check worker eligibility and determine legal status.

Most companies are allowed to use E-Verify only when employees are hired. That's according to federal guidelines and state workplace privacy laws.

State labor officials say the complaints will be the first in Illinois regarding E-Verify.

Red Roof Inn spokeswoman Deb Duray had no immediate comment.