

# Walmart workers plan Black Friday protests

## TRANSCRIPT

Dozens of Walmart workers protested outside this store near Washington D.C. today.

Woman: "We want a living wage. We want to be respected on our job."

Hundreds of similar pickets are planned at Walmart stores and warehouses across the country.

Dan Hindman has worked at this Walmart near Los Angeles for four years. The former employee of the month, makes \$9.80 an hour.

Reporter: "Are you scheduled to work on Black Friday?"

Hindman: "I am scheduled to work on Black Friday."

Reporter: "Do you plan to go to work on Black Friday?"

Hindman: "I do not plan to go to work on Black Friday."

Reporter: "How come?"

Hindman: "Errr... Walmart needs to learn that it's not fair how they treat us."

The protesters want minimum hourly pay raised to \$13, more full-time work and less-costly health care. Next year, their insurance premiums will jump by as much as 36 percent, as Walmart scales back its contribution.

Hindman: "We don't want to walk out on Black Friday. We don't want to do this. It's just something we have to do, because it's the right thing to do."

Hindman says his schedule was cut to 15 hours per week when he joined a group of Walmart employees who favor unionizing. He lost custody of his four-year-old son when he could no longer support him.

Hindman: "So I lost my son and I'm kind of regretting working for Walmart, but I have to provide, you know? It's the biggest retailer in the world, and you can't help me provide for my son? It kills me, dude. It really tears me apart, big time."

Walmart tried to head off large-scale protests with a complaint to the National Labor Relations Board. The company says the demonstrations are being orchestrated by outside unions.