

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319
DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI**

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**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**Appeal Number: 05A-UI-06228-ET
OC: 01-10-99 R: 01
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

This Decision Shall Become Final, unless within fifteen (15) days from the date below, you or any interested party appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by submitting either a signed letter or a signed written Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4th Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
2. A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.3-7 – Recovery of Benefit Overpayment
Section 96.6-2 – Timeliness of Appeal

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed the February 2, 2000, reference 02, decision that concluded she was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$717.00 as a result of a disqualification decision. After due notice was issued a telephone hearing was held before Administrative Law Judge Julie Elder on July 7, 2005. The claimant participated in the hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant's appeal was due February 2, 2000. It was not filed until June 13, 2005. The claimant

was beaten, raped, strangled and left to die by a co-worker. Shortly after that attack, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The claimant has been unable to care for herself since her attack and must rely on others for assistance. Consequently, the administrative law judge concludes that due to factors beyond her control she was unable to appeal the February 2, 2000, reference 02, decision in a timely manner.

The overpayment issue in this case was created by a disqualification decision that has now been reversed.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Iowa Code section 96.3-7 provides:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

If the department determines that an overpayment has been made, the charge for the overpayment against the employer's account shall be removed and the account shall be credited with an amount equal to the overpayment from the unemployment compensation trust fund and this credit shall include both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has not been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$717.00 pursuant to Iowa Code section 96.3-7 as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision has now been reversed.

DECISION:

The February 2, 2000, reference 02, decision is reversed. The claimant's appeal is timely. The claimant has not been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits.

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