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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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Appeal Number: 04A-UI-01247-S2T
OC: 01/04/04 R: 03
Claimant: Appellant (1)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1 - Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Allen Smith (claimant) appealed a representative's January 28, 2004 decision (reference 01) that concluded he was not eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits because he had voluntarily quit employment with Papetti's of Iowa (employer). After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on March 1, 2004. The claimant participated personally. The employer participated by Bev Lawrence, Human Resources Representative, and Monica Weis, Sanitation Supervisor.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant was hired on September 25, 2003, as a full-time sanitation worker. The claimant was reprimanded on December 29, 2003, for working too slowly. The claimant was upset by the reprimand and did not like being watched at work by his supervisor. On December 29, 2003, he told the employer that he was sick and left work. He properly reported that he was ill on December 30, 2003, and January 2, 2004. Later on January 2, 2004, the claimant's wife telephoned the employer and said that the claimant had quit work. No explanation for the claimant's resignation was given to the employer.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the claimant voluntarily quit without good cause attributable to the employer. For the following reasons the administrative law judge concludes he did.

Iowa Code Section 96.5-1 provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department.

871 IAC 24.25(28) provides:

(28) The claimant left after being reprimanded.

A voluntary leaving of employment requires an intention to terminate the employment relationship accompanied by an overt act of carrying out that intention. Local Lodge #1426 v. Wilson Trailer, 289 N.W.2d 608, 612 (Iowa 1980). The claimant's intention to voluntarily leave work was evidenced by his actions. He asked his wife to tell the employer that he was leaving and quit work. When an employee quits work after being reprimanded, his leaving is without good cause attributable to the employer. The claimant left work after being reprimanded. His leaving was without good cause attributable to the employer. The claimant voluntarily quit without good cause attributable to the employer. Benefits are denied.

DECISION:

The representative's January 28, 2004 decision (reference 01) is affirmed. The claimant voluntarily left work without good cause attributable to the employer. Benefits are withheld until he has worked in and has been paid wages for insured work equal to ten times his weekly benefit amount provided he is otherwise eligible.

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