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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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Appeal Number: 06A-UI-07536-S2T
OC: 08/07/05 R: 03
Claimant: Appellant (2)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1-j – Separation from Temporary Employer

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Ralph Hayes (claimant) appealed a representative's July 24, 2006 decision (reference 07) that concluded he was not eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits because he was discharged from work with Westaff USA (employer) for excessive unexcused absenteeism after having been warned. After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on August 14, 2006. The claimant participated personally. The employer participated by Vicky Matthias, Branch Manager.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The employer is a temporary employment service. The claimant performed services from February 22 through June 7, 2006. He did not sign a document indicating that he was to contact the employer within three days following the completion of an assignment to request placement in a new assignment. The employer had the claimant sign for receipt of a handbook. The handbook indicated he was to contact the employer every week after the completion of an assignment. The claimant completed his last assignment on or about June 8, 2006, but did not seek reassignment from the employer.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the claimant was separated from the employer for any disqualifying reason. As an employee of a temporary service, the employer must advise the claimant of a three-day notice requirement and give the claimant a copy of that requirement.

Iowa Code section 96.5-1-j 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, But the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:

j. The individual is a temporary employee of a temporary employment firm who notifies the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment and who seeks reassignment. Failure of the individual to notify the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment within three working days of the completion of each employment assignment under a contract of hire shall be deemed a voluntary quit unless the individual was not advised in writing of the duty to notify the temporary employment firm upon completion of an employment assignment or the individual had good cause for not contacting the temporary employment firm within three working days and notified the firm at the first reasonable opportunity thereafter.

To show that the employee was advised in writing of the notification requirement of this paragraph, the temporary employment firm shall advise the temporary employee by requiring the temporary employee, at the time of employment with the temporary employment firm, to read and sign a document that provides a clear and concise explanation of the notification requirement and the consequences of a failure to notify. The document shall be separate from any contract of employment and a copy of the signed document shall be provided to the temporary employee.

For the purposes of this paragraph:

(1) "Temporary employee" means an individual who is employed by a temporary employment firm to provide services to clients to supplement their work force during absences, seasonal workloads, temporary skill or labor market shortages, and for special assignments and projects.

(2) "Temporary employment firm" means a person engaged in the business of employing temporary employees.

The employer did not provide the claimant with the proper notice requirements and has, therefore, failed to satisfy the requirements of Iowa Code section 96.5-1-j. Benefits are allowed.

DECISION:

The July 24, 2006, reference 07, decision is reversed. The claimant is eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits.

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