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Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section  
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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI**

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**Appeal Number: 06A-UI-03795-H2T  
OC: 02-26-06 R: 02  
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
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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)

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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Leaving

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the March 29, 2006, reference 01, decision that denied benefits. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on April 24, 2006. The claimant did participate. The employer did participate through B.J. Butler, Personnel Supervisor.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant was employed beginning in August 2005. On September 13, 2005 the claimant was assigned to work at Rain and Hail Insurance as a data entry operator. On March 9, 2006 the

claimant voluntarily quit her job to deal with an important personal family matter, her daughter's assault. The claimant also wanted to look for a better paying job. Continued work was available for her had she not quit.

#### REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant voluntarily left her employment without good cause attributable to the employer.

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(23) provides:

Voluntary quit without good cause. In general, a voluntary quit means discontinuing the employment because the employee no longer desires to remain in the relationship of an employee with the employer from whom the employee has separated. The employer has the burden of proving that the claimant is disqualified for benefits pursuant to Iowa Code section 96.5. However, the claimant has the initial burden to produce evidence that the claimant is not disqualified for benefits in cases involving Iowa Code section 96.5, subsection (1), paragraphs "a" through "i," and subsection 10. The following reasons for a voluntary quit shall be presumed to be without good cause attributable to the employer:

- (23) The claimant left voluntarily due to family responsibilities or serious family needs.

The claimant has the burden of proving that the voluntary leaving was for good cause attributable to the employer. Iowa Code Section 96.6-2 (amended 1998).

The claimant quit to deal with a personal family matter and because she wanted to find other employment. While the claimant may have had a good reason to leave her employment, the reason is good cause attributable to the employer. Benefits are denied.

#### DECISION:

The March 29, 2006, reference 01, decision is affirmed. The claimant voluntarily left her employment without good cause attributable to the employer. Benefits are withheld until such time as she has worked in and been paid wages for insured work equal to ten times her weekly benefit amount, provided she is otherwise eligible.

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