IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

VICTORIA L GAZDA Claimant APPEAL 21A-UI-24476-S2-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 05/03/20

Claimant: Appellant (2)

Iowa Code § 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed a representative's decision dated October 25, 2021, (reference 02) that concluded the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits as a result of a disqualification decision. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held on January 3, 2022, and was consolidated with the hearing for appeals 21A-UI-24475-S2-T and 21A-UI-24477-S2-T. The claimant participated personally. The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant is overpaid unemployment insurance benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed for and received a total of \$5,291.00 in regular, state unemployment insurance benefits for the weeks between May 3, 2020, and October 10, 2020. The unemployment insurance decision that disqualified the claimant from receiving unemployment insurance benefits has been reversed in a decision of the administrative law judge in appeal 21A-UI-24475-S2-T.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the following reasons the administrative law judge concludes the claimant was not overpaid unemployment insurance benefits.

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) provides, in pertinent part:

- 7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits.
- a. 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.

b. (1) (a) 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.

Since the decision disqualifying the claimant has been reversed, the claimant was not overpaid \$5,291.00 in unemployment insurance benefits.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated October 25, 2021, (reference 02) is reversed. Claimant was not overpaid regular, state unemployment insurance benefits

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