

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Appeal Number: 06A-UI-03144-DT
OC: 02/26/06 R: 01
Claimant: Appellant (2)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4-3 - Active Search for Work

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Fred C. Bennage (claimant) appealed a representative's March 7, 2006 decision (reference 02) that warned him he had failed to make the minimum job contacts during the week ending March 4, 2006. A hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record for a telephone hearing to be held on April 3, 2006. Prior to the hearing being held, the administrative law judge determined that no hearing was necessary and a decision was made on the record. Based on a review of the information in the administrative file and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant established a claim for unemployment insurance benefits effective February 26, 2006. When he made his weekly claim for the week ending March 4, 2006, he accidentally pressed the "0" button instead of the "2" button. That week he had made two job contacts.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the claimant made an active search for work for the week ending March 4, 2006, and whether a warning issued to him is warranted. Iowa Code § 96.4-3. The administrative rule states an individual shall be ineligible for benefits for any period for which the Agency finds the individual failed to make an earnest and active search for work. An individual must make a personal and diligent effort to find a job. 871 IAC 24.22(3). The evidence establishes the claimant made multiple job contacts during the week ending March 4, 2006. Therefore, the warning issued to him in the representative's decision is not warranted.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated March 7, 2006 (reference 02) is reversed. The claimant made an active search for work during the week ending March 4, 2006. Therefore, the warning issued to him was not warranted and shall be removed from his benefit history.

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