### BEFORE THE EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD Lucas State Office Building Fourth floor Des Moines, Iowa 50319

JOHN M HOARD	:
Claimant,	: HEARING NUMBER: 11B-UI-16564
and	: EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
WORKSOURCE INC	: DECISION

Employer.

# NOTICE

**THIS DECISION BECOMES FINAL** unless (1) a **request for a REHEARING** is filed with the Employment Appeal Board within **20 days** of the date of the Board's decision or, (2) a **PETITION TO DISTRICT COURT** IS FILED WITHIN **30 days** of the date of the Board's decision.

A REHEARING REQUEST shall state the specific grounds and relief sought. If the rehearing request is denied, a petition may be filed in **DISTRICT COURT** within **30 days** of the date of the denial.

**SECTION:** 96.5-2-A, 96.3-7

# DECISION

### UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ARE DENIED

The claimant appealed this case to the Employment Appeal Board. The members of the Employment Appeal Board, one member dissenting, reviewed the entire record. The Appeal Board finds the administrative law judge's decision is correct. The administrative law judge's Findings of Fact and Reasoning and Conclusions of Law are adopted by the Board as its own. The administrative law judge's decision is **AFFIRMED**.

Monique F. Kuester

Elizabeth L. Seiser

#### DISSENTING OPINION OF JOHN A. PENO:

I respectfully dissent from the majority decision of the Employment Appeal Board; I would reverse the decision of the administrative law judge. The employer accused the claimant of falsifying his time card, which he denied. His supervisor had to approve his timecard. The employer's evidence rests solely on hearsay, as the employer failed to provide any firsthand witness(s) to refute the claimant's version of events. For this reason, I would attribute more weight to the claimant's version of events. Additionally, 871 IAC 24.32(4) provides:

*Report required.* The claimant's statement and employer's statement must give detailed facts as to the specific reason for the claimant's discharge. Allegations of misconduct or dishonesty without additional evidence shall not be sufficient to result in disqualification. If the employer is unwilling to furnish available evidence to corroborate the allegation, misconduct cannot be established. In the cases where a suspension or disciplinary layoff exists, the claimant is considered as discharged, and the issue of misconduct shall be resolved.

Based on this record and the foregoing administrative rule, I would conclude that the employer failed to satisfy his burden of proof. Benefits should be allowed provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

John A. Peno

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