IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section 1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319 DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI

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### MILLER, THOMAS ET AL VILLAGE PLACE AT MARION II LP 7760 FRANCE AVE S #1020 EDINA MN 55435

# Appeal Number: 04A-UI-00467-MT OC: 12/14/03 R: 03 Claimant: Appellant (1) 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)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1 - Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated January 12, 2004, reference 01, which held claimant ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on February 5, 2004. Claimant participated. Employer participated by Stacy McMahon, Chief Financial Officer. Exhibit A was admitted into evidence

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant last worked for employer on December 9, 2003. Claimant had given notice to the employer that he would be retiring in the future. No specific date was given. Claimant discovered that an article was proposed for the business newsletter that was somewhat derogatory toward claimant's spouse. Claimant's spouse protested and the newsletter was changed two times. The final version was not offensive. Claimant quit due to the proposed articles that he found offensive.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this matter is whether claimant quit for good cause attributable to employer. The administrative law judge holds that the evidence has failed to establish that claimant voluntarily quit for good cause attributable to employer because claimant had used appropriate protocol to resolve the complaints. The final version of the newsletter was not offensive. There was no issue remaining at the time of the quit. This is not good cause attributable to employer as the conflict was resolved.

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.

## DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated January 12, 2004, reference 01, is affirmed. Unemployment insurance benefits shall be withheld until claimant has worked in and been paid wages for insured work equal to ten times claimant's weekly benefit amount, provided claimant is otherwise eligible.

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