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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: 05A-UI-00169-LT  
OC: 12-12-04 R: 04  
Claimant: Appellant (2)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Iowa Code §96.4(3) - Able and Available/Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed a timely appeal from the December 21, 2004, reference 02, decision that warned claimant she may be disqualified for future weeks in which benefits are claimed and fewer than two in-person job contacts are made but did not deny benefits for that week. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on January 19, 2005. Claimant did participate.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant's testimony that she was available for work the week of the claim is credible. During the filing of the telephone claim for the week at issue, claimant pushed a button in error resulting in incorrect telephone response data.

#### REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has made appropriate in person work search contacts.

Iowa Code section 96.4-3 provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

The claimant has sufficiently demonstrated to the satisfaction of the administrative law judge that claimant was available for work the week ending December 18, 2004. Accordingly, the warning was issued in error.

#### DECISION:

The December 21, 2004 reference 02, decision is reversed. The claimant did make herself available for work the week ending December 18, 2004 and the work search warning was issued in error.

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