

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

RAVEN N JENKINS
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 13A-UI-05722-ST

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 02/24/13
Claimant: Appellant (1)

Section 96.3-7 – Recovery of Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed a department representative's decision dated May 13, 2013, reference 04, that held she is overpaid benefits \$1,215.00 for the nine weeks ending April 27, 2013 due to an administrative law judge April 26, 2013 decision that disqualified her. A hearing was held on June 27, 2013. The claimant did not participate.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant is overpaid benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge having considered the evidence in the record finds that: Claimant filed a UI claim effective February 24, 2013. The department issued a decision dated March 21, 2013, reference 01, that allowed claimant benefits. The employer participated in department fact-finding and it appealed the decision.

An administrative law judge issued an April 26, 2013 decision (13A-UI-03563-S2T) that disqualified claimant and the overpayment issue was remanded to claims. Claimant had received UI benefits totaling \$1,215.00 prior to the disqualification. Claimant did not appeal the administrative law judge decision.

Claimant failed to respond to the hearing notice.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Iowa Code section 96.3-7, as amended in 2008, provides:

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) 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. However, provided the benefits were not received as the result of fraud or willful misrepresentation by the individual, benefits shall not be recovered from an individual if the employer did not participate in the initial determination to award benefits pursuant to section 96.6, subsection 2, and an overpayment occurred because of a subsequent reversal on appeal regarding the issue of the individual's separation from employment. The employer shall not be charged with the benefits.

(2) An accounting firm, agent, unemployment insurance accounting firm, or other entity that represents an employer in unemployment claim matters and demonstrates a continuous pattern of failing to participate in the initial determinations to award benefits, as determined and defined by rule by the department, shall be denied permission by the department to represent any employers in unemployment insurance matters. This subparagraph does not apply to attorneys or counselors admitted to practice in the courts of this state pursuant to section 602.10101.

The administrative law judge concludes claimant is overpaid benefits \$1,215.00 due to an administrative law judge April 26, 2013 department decision that was not appealed and it now has become final. The department record shows claimant received UI benefits before the administrative law judge disqualification decision. Since claimant did not appeal the decision that caused the overpayment and the employer participated in department fact-finding there is no relief from it.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated May 13, 2013, reference 04, is affirmed. The claimant is overpaid benefits \$1,215.00

Randy L. Stephenson
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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