

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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**CHRISTOPHER D MEUNIER**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 18A-UI-05961-JTT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 04/22/18**  
**Claimant: Appellant (2)**

Iowa Code Section 96.3(7) – Overpayment of Benefits

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Christopher Meunier filed a timely appeal from the May 22, 2018, reference 03, decision that held he was overpaid \$295.00 in unemployment insurance benefits for the week of April 22-28, 2018, based on an earlier decision that disqualified him for benefits in connection with a discharge from employer Focus Services, L.L.C. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on June 15, 2018. Mr. Meunier participated. The hearing in this matter was consolidated with the hearing in Appeal Number 18A-UI-05960-JTT. The administrative law judge took official notice of the Agency's administrative record of benefits disbursed to Mr. Meunier (DBRO).

**ISSUE:**

Whether Mr. Meunier was overpaid \$295.00 in unemployment insurance benefits for the week of April 22-28, 2018, based on an earlier decision that disqualified him for benefits in connection with a discharge from employer Focus Services, L.L.C.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Christopher Meunier established an original claim for unemployment insurance benefits that was effective April 22, 2018 and received \$295.00 in benefits for the week of April 22-28, 2018. On May 21, 2018, an Iowa Workforce Development Benefits Bureau deputy entered a reference 02 decision that disqualified Mr. Meunier for benefits, based on the deputy's conclusion that Mr. Meunier was discharged on April 18, 2018 from employment with Focus Services, L.L.C., for violation of a known company rule. The May 21, 2018, reference 02, disqualification decision prompted the overpayment decision from which Mr. Meunier appeals in the present matter. The May 21, 2018, reference 02, disqualification decision has been reversed on appeal in Appeal Number 18A-UI-05960-JTT to allow benefits to Mr. Meunier provided he meets all other eligibility requirements.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Iowa Code section 96.3(7) provides that if a claimant receives benefits and is deemed ineligible for the benefits, Workforce Development must recover the benefits and the claimant must repay the benefits, even if the claimant was not at fault in receiving the benefits.

Because the disqualification decision that prompted the overpayment decision has been reversed on appeal, the administrative law judge concludes that Mr. Meunier was not overpaid \$295.00 in unemployment insurance benefits for the week of April 22-28, 2018.

**DECISION:**

The May 22, 2018, reference 03, decision is reversed. The claimant was not overpaid \$295.00 in unemployment insurance benefits for the week of April 22-28, 2018

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James E. Timberland  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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