

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS & APPEALS  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
Lucas State Office Building  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

**Appeal Number:** 06-IWDUI-102  
**OC:** 01/15/06  
**Claimant:** Appellant (2)

**This Decision Shall Become Final**, unless within fifteen (15) days from the date below, you or any interested party appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by submitting either a signed letter or a signed written Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.**

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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
2. A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
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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**DES MOINES IA 50319-0209**

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DAN ANDERSON, IWD

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(Administrative Law Judge)

April 28, 2006

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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

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Section 96.16-4 - Misrepresentation  
Section 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayments

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from an Iowa Workforce Development decision dated March 24, 2006, reference 01, which held that the claimant was overpaid unemployment benefits in the amount of \$324.00, because she failed to report wages earned with Nordstrom Distribution for the period from August 14, 2005 to September 24, 2005.

After due notice was issued, a hearing was scheduled for a telephone conference call on April 24,

2006. The claimant participated. Tom Carnahan, Investigator, participated for Iowa Workforce Development, Investigation and Recovery.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony of the witnesses, and having examined all of the evidence in the record, finds: The claimant filed a claim for unemployment benefits with an effective date of January 15, 2006. The claimant claimed for and received unemployment benefits during the third quarter of 2005.

The department audited the claimant's unemployment claim for the third quarter of 2005, and a representative of Nordstrom Distributing reported to the department the gross earnings paid to the claimant during the period from August 14, 2005 to September 24, 2005. The department compared the employer's wage report against the claimant's claims for the same weeks, and it concluded she had a net overpayment of \$324.

When the claimant appealed, she provided Investigator Carnahan with wage information that showed the employer incorrectly included wages in certain weeks. Based on audit experience with the employer, Carnahan concluded the claimant correctly reported her wages.

Carnahan proposed a stipulation that the overpayment be rescinded and the decision should be reversed, and the claimant concurred.

#### REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the claimant is overpaid benefits \$324, and if so whether it is the result of misrepresentation.

#### **Iowa Code Section 96.16-4 provides:**

4. Misrepresentation. An individual who, by reason of the nondisclosure or misrepresentation by the individual or by another of a material fact, has received any sum as benefits under this chapter while any conditions for the receipt of benefits imposed by this chapter were not fulfilled in the individual's case, or while the individual was disqualified from receiving benefits, shall, in the discretion of the department, either be liable to have the sum deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual under this chapter or shall be liable to repay to the department for the unemployment compensation fund, a sum equal to the amount so received by the individual. If the department seeks to recover the amount of the benefits by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to that amount, the department may file a lien with the county recorder in favor of the state on the individual's property and rights to property, whether real or personal. The amount of the lien shall be collected in a manner similar to the provisions for the collection of past-due contributions in section 96.14, subsection 3.

#### **Iowa Code Section 96.3-7 provides:**

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits. 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 division of job service 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 division a sum equal to the overpayment.

If the division 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.

The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant is NOT overpaid benefits \$324 for the 6-weeks ending September 24, 2005 pursuant to Iowa Code section 96.16-4. The parties stipulated to the rescission of the overpayment.

**DECISION:**

The decision of the representative dated March 24, 2006, reference 01, is REVERSED. The claimant is NOT overpaid benefits \$324.

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