IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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JAROD A RAMOS Claimant	APPEAL NO. 08A-UI-08371-LT
	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION
SHREE KRISNA FOOD LLC HARDEE'S Employer	
	OC: 07/06/08 B: 04

Claimant: Respondent (4)

Iowa Code § 96.5(1) – Voluntary Leaving 871 IAC 24.27 – Voluntary Leaving Part Time Employment Iowa Code § 96.5(2)a – Discharge/Misconduct

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The employer filed a timely appeal from the September 17, 2008, reference 04, decision that allowed benefits. After due notice was issued, a telephone conference hearing was held on October 6, 2008. Claimant did not respond to the hearing notice instructions and did not participate. Employer participated through Jerrie Moore and Melodie Stepp.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether claimant quit the employment without good cause attributable to the employer or if he was discharged for reasons related to job misconduct sufficient to warrant a denial of unemployment benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and having reviewed the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant was employed as a part time cook from January 3, 2008 until March 9, 2008 when he quit. His last day of work was March 5, 2008. He was a no call-no show on March 7, 8, and 9, 2008. Employer policy provides that no call-no show absences are considered a voluntary leaving of employment. Continued work was available had he reported for work.

The administrative record shows that the claimant has not requalified for benefits since this separation but reflects he may be otherwise monetarily eligible for benefits after this employer's wages are excluded from the base period.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant voluntarily left the employment without good cause attributable to the employer, but has not requalified and may be otherwise monetarily eligible. Iowa Code § 96.5-2-a provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

2. Discharge for misconduct. If the department finds that the individual has been discharged for misconduct in connection with the individual's employment:

a. The individual shall be disqualified for benefits until the individual has worked in and has been paid wages for insured work equal to ten times the individual's weekly benefit amount, provided the individual is otherwise eligible.

Iowa Code § 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.

Iowa Code § 96.5-1-g 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. But the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:

g. The individual left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer under circumstances which did or would disqualify the individual for benefits, except as provided in paragraph "a" of this subsection but, subsequent to the leaving, the individual worked in and was paid wages for insured work equal to ten times the individual's weekly benefit amount, provided the individual is otherwise eligible.

871 IAC 24.27 provides:

Voluntary quit of part-time employment and requalification. An individual who voluntarily quits without good cause part-time employment and has not requalified for benefits following the voluntary quit of part-time employment, yet is otherwise monetarily eligible for benefits based on wages paid by the regular or other base period employers, shall not be disqualified for voluntarily quitting the part-time employment. The individual and the part-time employer which was voluntarily quit shall be notified on the Form 65-5323 or 60-0186, Unemployment Insurance Decision, that benefit payments shall not be made which are based on the wages paid by the part-time employer and benefit charges shall not be assessed against the part-time employer's account; however, once the individual has met the requalification requirements following the voluntary quit without good cause of the part-time employer, the wages paid in the part-time employment shall be available for benefit payment purposes. For benefit charging purposes and as determined by the applicable requalification requirements, the wages paid by the part-time employer shall be transferred to the balancing account.

Inasmuch as claimant was a no call-no show for three consecutive shifts in violation of employer policy he was not discharged but is considered to have quit and the separation is disqualifying.

However, the claimant has not requalified for benefits since the separation and may be otherwise monetarily eligible according to base period wages. Benefits may be allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

DECISION:

The September 17, 2008, reference 04, decision is modified in favor of the appellant. The claimant was not discharged but voluntarily left the employment without good cause attributable to the employer and has not requalified for benefits but may be otherwise monetarily eligible. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible. The account of this employer (360285) shall not be charged.

Dévon M. Lewis Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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