

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

DAWSON D SMITH
Claimant

CITY OF CRESTON
Employer

APPEAL 20A-UI-04639-DG-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

OC: 03/15/20
Claimant: Respondent (1)

Iowa Code § 96.5(1) – Voluntary Quitting
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.26(19) – Voluntary Quitting – Spot Jobs/Casual Labor
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.26(22) – Voluntary Quitting – Specific Period of Time

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Employer filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated May 21, 2020, (reference 01) that held claimant eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a hearing was scheduled for and held on June 11, 2020. Claimant did not participate. Employer participated by Lisa Williamson, City Clerk.

ISSUE:

The issue in this matter is whether claimant quit for good cause attributable to employer?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant last worked for employer on August 7, 2019. Claimant completed the terms of his contract with the city on that date.

The claimant was hired for a spot job or casual labor on June 1, 2019, and completed the work assignment at the end of the season. Claimant worked as a lifeguard at the pool, and completed other tasks as assigned. Once the summer pool season was over claimant was released from his work assignment by employer. Claimant met the terms of his agreement with the city.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant's separation was not the result of a disqualifying reason.

Iowa Code section 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 Admin. Code r. 871-24.26(19) provides:

Voluntary quit with good cause attributable to the employer and separations not considered to be voluntary quits.

The following are reasons for a claimant leaving employment with good cause attributable to the employer:

(19) The claimant was employed on a temporary basis for assignment to spot jobs or casual labor work and fulfilled the contract of hire when each of the jobs was completed. An election not to report for a new assignment to work shall not be construed as a voluntary leaving of employment. The issue of a refusal of an offer of suitable work shall be adjudicated when an offer of work is made by the former employer. The provisions of Iowa Code section 96.5(3) and rule 24.24(96) are controlling in the determination of suitability of work. However, this subrule shall not apply to substitute school employees who are subject to the provisions of Iowa Code section 96.4(5) which denies benefits that are based on service in an educational institution when the individual declines or refuses to accept a new contract or reasonable assurance of continued employment status. Under this circumstance, the substitute school employee shall be considered to have voluntarily quit employment.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.26(22) provides:

Voluntary quit with good cause attributable to the employer and separations not considered to be voluntary quits.

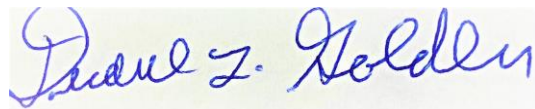
The following are reasons for a claimant leaving employment with good cause attributable to the employer:

(22) The claimant was hired for a specific period of time and completed the contract of hire by working until this specific period of time had lapsed. However, this subrule shall not apply to substitute school employees who are subject to the provisions of Iowa Code section 96.4(5) which denies benefits that are based on service in an educational institution when the individual declines or refuses to accept a new contract or reasonable assurance of continued employment status. Under this circumstance, the substitute school employees shall be considered to have voluntarily quit employment.

Inasmuch as the claimant completed the contract or terms of hire with the employer as contemplated, no disqualification is imposed.

DECISION:

The May 21, 2020, (reference 01), unemployment insurance decision is affirmed. The claimant's separation from employment was for no disqualifying reason. Benefits are allowed, provided he is otherwise eligible.



Duane L. Golden
Administrative Law Judge

June 29, 2020
Decision Dated and Mailed

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