

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319
DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI

LONNIE D RATTRAY
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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Appeal Number: 05A-UI-11445-HT
OC: 12/26/04 R: 02
Claimant: Appellant (2)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4(3) – Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant, Lonnie Ratray, filed an appeal from a decision dated November 1, 2005, reference 01. The decision warned him to make two in-person work searches per week in order to remain eligible for unemployment benefits. After due notice was issued a hearing was held by telephone conference call on November 28, 2005. The claimant participated on his own behalf.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony of the witness and having examined all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Lonnie Ratray filed a claim for unemployment

benefits with an effective date of December 26, 2004, and an additional claim effective October 23, 2005. He was to make two, in-person job contacts every week in order to maintain eligibility for benefits.

For the week ending October 29, 2005, the claimant applied at Eagle Iron Works and at Kelly Services. For the latter contact he first talked to a personal friend about work availability on October 26, 2005, then went to the office the same day to fill out an application.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the claimant made two in-person work searches the week ending October 29, 2005. The judge concludes he did.

Iowa Code section 96.4-3 provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

Mr. Rattray's conversation with a personal friend about work at Kelly Services does not constitute an in-person job contact. However, going to the office of the company and filling out an application for work does meet this criteria. The judge considers the claimant to have made the required number of in-person contacts for the week in question.

DECISION:

The representative's decision of November 1, 2005, reference 01, is reversed. Lonnie Rattray did make two in-person job contacts for the week ending October 29, 2005.

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