

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319
DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Appeal Number: 06A-UI-04888-RT
OC: 03/26/06 R: 12
Claimant: Appellant (1)

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, 4th Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
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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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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.3-7 – Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant, Martin Salinas, filed a timely appeal from an unemployment insurance decision dated May 2, 2006, reference 03, determining that he was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice was issued, a telephone hearing was held on May 25, 2006, with the claimant participating. The claimant was assisted by an interpreter, Susana Jaquez. This appeal was consolidated with appeal number 06A-UI-04887-RT for the purposes of the hearing with the consent of the parties. Although there was no employer or respondent noticed in this appeal, the employer in the appeal with which this appeal was consolidated, Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., participated by Will Sager, Human Resources Manager for the employer's complex in Storm Lake, Iowa, where the claimant was employed. The administrative law judge takes

official notice of Iowa Workforce Development Department unemployment insurance records for the claimant. Claimant's Exhibit A was admitted into evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony of the witnesses and having examined all of the evidence in the record, including Claimant's Exhibits A, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant filed for unemployment insurance benefits effective March 26, 2006 and began receiving benefits which continued thereafter. The claimant received unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,148.00 as follows: \$281.00 for the benefit week ending April 1, 2006 (earnings \$80.00); and \$289.00 per week for three weeks from the benefit week ending April 8, 2006 to the benefit week ending April 22, 2006. This amount is now shown as overpaid and is the subject of this appeal. In the decision in appeal number 06A-UI-04887-RT, the administrative law judge concluded that the claimant was not entitled to receive such unemployment insurance benefits because his separation from his employer, Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., was disqualifying.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The question presented by this appeal is whether the claimant is overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,148.00 for four weeks between March 26, 2006 and April 22, 2006. The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant is overpaid that amount for that period.

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 department 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 department a sum equal to the overpayment.

If the department 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 has received unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,148.00 since separating from the employer, Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., on February 23, 2006 and filing for such benefits effective March 26, 2006. In appeal number 06A-UI-04887-RT, the administrative law judge concluded that the claimant was not entitled to receive such benefits because his separation from his employer was disqualifying. Accordingly, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has received unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,148.00 to which he is not entitled and he is, therefore, overpaid such benefits. The administrative law judge further concludes that these benefits must be recovered in accordance with provisions of Iowa law.

DECISION:

The representative's decision of May 2, 2006, reference 03, is affirmed. The claimant, Martin Salinas, is overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,148.00 for four weeks between March 26, 2006 and April 22, 2006.

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