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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
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Appeal Number: 04A-UI-06521-ET  
OC: 03-28-04 R: 02  
Claimant: Appellant (1)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1(j) – Voluntary Leaving

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from a decision dated June 11, 2004, reference 03, that denied benefits. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call before Administrative Law Judge Julie Elder on July 9, 2004. The claimant participated in the hearing with Interpreter Rosie Paramo-Ricoy. Judy Rebik, Manager, and Deb Upah, Grinnell Manager, participated in the hearing on behalf of the employer.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and having examined the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant was employed as a full-time laborer for Temp Associates, last assigned at Ace Precision from December 8, 2003 to February 13, 2004. He contacted the

employer for reassignment February 17, 2004, but it did not have any work available at that time. The claimant did not contact the employer again but on May 12, 2004, Manager Deb Upah called the claimant's home to notify him of a job opening at Jeld-Wen. The claimant's wife answered the phone and told Ms. Upah the claimant went to Mexico because his mother was ill and she did not know when he would return. Ms. Upah left her name and phone number with the claimant's wife but the claimant did not contact the employer. The claimant acknowledges he did not ever seek reassignment from the employer but denies he was in Mexico when Ms. Upah called.

#### REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant voluntarily left employment without good cause attributable to the employer.

Iowa Code Section 96.5-1-j 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:

j. The individual is a temporary employee of a temporary employment firm who notifies the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment and who seeks reassignment. Failure of the individual to notify the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment within three working days of the completion of each employment assignment under a contract of hire shall be deemed a voluntary quit unless the individual was not advised in writing of the duty to notify the temporary employment firm upon completion of an employment assignment or the individual had good cause for not contacting the temporary employment firm within three working days and notified the firm at the first reasonable opportunity thereafter.

To show that the employee was advised in writing of the notification requirement of this paragraph, the temporary employment firm shall advise the temporary employee by requiring the temporary employee, at the time of employment with the temporary employment firm, to read and sign a document that provides a clear and concise explanation of the notification requirement and the consequences of a failure to notify. The document shall be separate from any contract of employment and a copy of the signed document shall be provided to the temporary employee.

For the purposes of this paragraph:

(1) "Temporary employee" means an individual who is employed by a temporary employment firm to provide services to clients to supplement their work force during absences, seasonal workloads, temporary skill or labor market shortages, and for special assignments and projects.

(2) "Temporary employment firm" means a person engaged in the business of employing temporary employees.

871 IAC 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.

The purpose of the statute is to provide notice to the temporary agency employer that the claimant is available for work at the conclusion of the temporary assignment. In this case, the claimant sought reassignment from the employer February 17, 2004, but did not contact the employer after that date. Because there is no evidence that the employer had work available for the claimant prior to May 12, 2004, however, benefits are allowed until the week ending May 15, 2004, at which time the claimant is disqualified for failing to seek further assignments from the employer.

#### DECISION:

The June 11, 2004, reference 03, decision is affirmed. The claimant's separation from Temp Associates was not attributable to the employer. Benefits are withheld until such time as the claimant works in and has been paid for wages equal to ten times his weekly benefit amount, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

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