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

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## IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

# Appeal Number:04A-UI-00413-ATOC:01-04-04R:OI:03Claimant:Appellant (1)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4-3 – Work Search Warning

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Linda J. Lee filed a timely appeal from an unemployment insurance decision dated January 13, 2004, reference 02, which issued a warning to her upon a finding that she had made no job contacts during the week ending January 10, 2004. Due notice was issued for a telephone hearing to be held February 3, 2004. Although Ms. Lee provided a telephone number at which she could be contacted, the number was answered by a recording when called at the time of the hearing. The administrative law judge left instructions with the claimant to call within 15 minutes if she wished to take part in the hearing. There was no further contact from the claimant. This decision is based on information in her appeal letter. The administrative law judge takes official notice of Agency benefit payment records and decision records.

## FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having examined all matters of record, the administrative law judge finds: Linda J. Lee did not conduct a work search during the week ending January 10, 2004. Department Approved Training Status was allowed effective January 25, 2004.

## REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The question is whether the warning should be removed from the claimant's record. The administrative law judge concludes that it should not. Iowa Code Section 96.4-3 requires that an individual conduct an active work search during each week that the individual requests unemployment insurance benefits. There are certain exceptions, such as a claimant being in Department Approved Training status. Since Ms. Lee was not in that status during the week ending January 10, 2004, she was required to make a work search. She did not do so, and so the warning shall remain in her record.

## DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated January 13, 2004, reference 02, is affirmed. The warning shall remain in the claimant's record.

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