

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**LORI LOCKARD**  
Claimant

**BREWER MEATS INC**  
Employer

**APPEAL NO: 09A-UI-08566-ST**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**OC: 04/26/09**  
**Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant appealed a department decision dated June 3, 2009, reference 02, that held she voluntarily quit without good cause attributable to her employer on April 27, 2009, and benefits are denied. A telephone hearing was held on July 1, 2009. The claimant did not participate. Toni Despotovich, Vice President, participated for the employer.

**ISSUE:**

Whether the claimant voluntarily quit without good cause attributable to the employer.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The administrative law judge having heard the testimony of the witness, and having considered the evidence in the record, finds: The claimant worked for the employer as a full-time office worker (after a trial period of employment from February 25, 2007 to May 25) from May 27, 2007 to April 27, 2009. The claimant left work without notice to the employer after April 27, and failed to return to work. Continuing employment was available to the claimant.

The claimant failed to call-in for this hearing.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

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.

The administrative law judge concludes the claimant voluntarily quit without good cause attributable to the employer due to job abandonment.

**DECISION:**

The department decision dated June 3, 2009, reference 02, is affirmed. The claimant voluntarily quit without good cause due to job abandonment on April 27, 2009. Benefits are denied until the claimant requalifies by working in and being paid wages for insured work equal to ten times her weekly benefit amount, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

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Randy L. Stephenson  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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