IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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TROY J YOUNG Claimant

APPEAL NO. 12A-UI-00453-MT

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

HENNINGSEN CONST INC Employer

> OC: 02/20/11 Claimant: Appellant (2)

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated January 6, 2012, reference 01, which held claimant ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a hearing was scheduled for and held on February 9, 2012. Claimant participated. Employer failed to respond to the hearing notice and did not participate. Exhibit A was admitted into evidence.

ISSUE:

The issue in this matter is whether claimant quit for good cause attributable to employer.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and having considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant last worked for employer on November 29, 2011. Claimant quit work because his supervisor was calling him names. This happened several times per week. Claimant was called dumb fuck, dumb shit, stupid, idiot, moron, and retard.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The administrative law judge holds that the evidence has established that claimant voluntarily quit for good cause attributable to employer when claimant terminated the employment relationship because of intolerable working conditions. Name-calling in the workplace is not acceptable, especially when it happens on a regular basis. This is an intolerable working condition. Benefits allowed.

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.

871 IAC 24.26(4) 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:

(4) The claimant left due to intolerable or detrimental working conditions.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated January 6, 2012, reference 01, is reversed. Unemployment insurance benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

Marlon Mormann Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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