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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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**Appeal Number: 06A-UI-01480-H2
OC: 01-01-06 R: 04
Claimant: Respondent (4)**

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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 96.5-1-a – Voluntary Leaving – Other Employment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The employer filed a timely appeal from the February 3, 2006, reference 01, decision that allowed benefits. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held in Dubuque, Iowa on March 22, 2006. The claimant did participate. The employer did participate through Brian Preston, Deputy Director Dubuque County Conservation Board and Dale Snyder, Dubuque County Deputy Sheriff. Employer's Exhibit One was received.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant was employed as a naturalist intern on a seasonal part time basis beginning May 14, 2005 through August 16, 2005 when he quit to accept another full-time construction job that paid better wages than the naturalist intern position. Continued work was available for the claimant for at least one more week and for the weekends throughout the fall.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant voluntarily left his employment to accept employment elsewhere.

Iowa Code Section 96.5-1-a 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:

a. The individual left employment in good faith for the sole purpose of accepting other or better employment, which the individual did accept, and the individual performed services in the new employment. Benefits relating to wage credits earned with the employer that the individual has left shall be charged to the unemployment compensation fund. This paragraph applies to both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

871 IAC 24.28(5) provides:

Voluntary quit requalifications and previously adjudicated voluntary quit issues.

(5) The claimant shall be eligible for benefits even though the claimant voluntarily quit if the claimant left for the sole purpose of accepting an offer of other or better employment, which the claimant did accept, and from which the claimant is separated, before or after having started the new employment. The employment does not have to be covered employment and does not include self-employment.

Even though the separation was without good cause attributable to the employer and would, standing alone, disqualify the claimant from receiving benefits, the claimant did leave in order to accept other employment and did perform services for the subsequent employer. Accordingly, benefits are allowed and the account of the employer shall not be charged.

DECISION:

The February 3, 2006, reference 01, decision is modified in favor of the appellant. The claimant voluntarily left his employment in order to accept other employment. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible. The account of the employer shall not be charged.

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