# IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

**TODD A HECKEL** 

Claimant

**APPEAL 22A-UI-12326-DB-T** 

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 10/24/21

Claimant: Appellant (1)

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) – Overpayment of Benefits

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant/appellant filed an appeal from the May 3, 2022 (reference 07) unemployment insurance decision that found claimant was overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,142.00 for the weeks between February 27, 2022 and March 12, 2022. The claimant was properly notified of the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on June 6, 2022. The claimant participated personally. The administrative law judge took administrative notice of the claimant's unemployment insurance benefits records. The hearing was consolidated with Appeal No. 22A-UI-10148-DB-T.

## **ISSUE:**

Is the claimant overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits?

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed for unemployment insurance benefits effective October 24, 2021 and an additional claim on February 27, 2022. His weekly benefit amount was \$571.00. Between February 27, 2022 and March 12, 2022 the claimant was paid regular unemployment insurance benefits of \$1,142.00. An unemployment insurance decision was issued on April 12, 2022 (reference 06) which found that the claimant was not eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits due to a voluntary quitting of work. That denial decision was affirmed in Appeal No. 22A-UI-10148-DB-T.

## **REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes as follows:

Iowa Code § 96.3(7)a provides:

- 7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits.
- a. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at

**fault,** the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

(emphasis added).

In this case, the claimant was paid regular unemployment insurance benefits from February 27, 2022 through March 12, 2022 in the amount of \$1,142.00 but was later determined to be ineligible for those benefits due to a voluntary quitting of work. As such, the claimant is overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits of \$1,142.00.

## **DECISION:**

The May 3, 2022 (reference 07) unemployment insurance decision is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,142.00 for the weeks between February 27, 2022 through March 12, 2022.

Dawn Boucher

Administrative Law Judge

Jaun Boucher

June 7, 2022

**Decision Dated and Mailed** 

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