

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

KESHA N JOHNSON
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 08A-UI-08384-MT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**UNITED STATES CELLULAR
CORPORATION**
Employer

**OC: 08/24/08 R: 03
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated September 12, 2008, reference 01, which held claimant ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on October 6, 2008. Claimant participated. Employer participated by Crystal Miller, Customer Service Coach and Paula Rosenbaum, Associate Relations Representative. Exhibit One 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 considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant last worked for employer on August 22, 2008. Claimant quit due to a personal issue with domestic violence. Claimant moved out of town to avoid domestic violence. The employer was not responsible for the domestic violence. Claimant was not able to resolve the personal emergency within ten days.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The administrative law judge holds that the evidence has failed to establish that claimant voluntarily quit for good cause attributable to employer when claimant terminated the employment relationship because of a personal emergency. The reason for the quit was not attributable to employer. Claimant was not able to return within ten days of the quit. This is not good cause attributable to employer. Benefits withheld.

Iowa Code section 96.5-1-f 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:

f. The individual left the employing unit for not to exceed ten working days, or such additional time as may be allowed by the individual's employer, for compelling personal reasons, if so found by the department, and prior to such leaving had informed the individual's employer of such compelling personal reasons, and immediately after such compelling personal reasons ceased to exist the individual returned to the individual's employer and offered the individual's services and the individual's regular or comparable work was not available, provided the individual is otherwise eligible; except that during the time the individual is away from the individual's work because of the continuance of such compelling personal reasons, the individual shall not be eligible for benefits.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated September 12, 2008, reference 01, is affirmed. Unemployment insurance benefits shall be withheld until claimant has worked in and been paid wages for insured work equal to ten times claimant's weekly benefit amount, provided claimant is otherwise eligible.

Marlon Mormann
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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