IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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MARTA D GARCIA

Claimant

APPEAL NO. 11A-UI-09712-MT

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

ALL IN A DAY LLC

Employer

OC: 05/22/11

Claimant: Appellant (1)

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated July 14, 2011, reference 02, which held claimant ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a hearing was scheduled for and held on August 17, 2011. Claimant participated with one potential witness Dennis Medina. Employer participated by Kayla Neuhalfen, Human Resources. Exhibits One and A were 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 May 14, 2011. Claimant was laid off due to the completion of an assignment. Employer called claimant to tell her she was laid off. Claimant did not ask for reassignment. Claimant was notified of an employer policy that claimant must contact employer within three days of the end of an assignment. Claimant's signature appeared on that document. Claimant's statement that she did not sign the document is not credible in light of the matching signature on the appeal letter.

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 she did not seek reassignment. Claimant did receive a copy of the three-day policy at the time of hire as required by statute. Claimant did have contact with employer within three days as required by policy and statute. However, the statute also requires that claimant seek reassignment. This provision need not be part of the policy as it is set by statute. Claimant did not seek reassignment and as such quit without good cause attributable to employer. Benefits withheld. Claimant did not present as a credible witness because she denied signing off on the employer's three-day policy. Claimant's testimony is deemed less credible where conflicts exist with employer's version.

Iowa Code § 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.

Iowa Code § 96.5-1-j 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:
- j. The individual is a temporary employee of a temporary employment firm who notifies the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment and who seeks reassignment. Failure of the individual to notify the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment within three working days of the completion of each employment assignment under a contract of hire shall be deemed a voluntary quit unless the individual was not advised in writing of the duty to notify the temporary employment firm upon completion of an employment assignment or the individual had good cause for not contacting the temporary employment firm within three working days and notified the firm at the first reasonable opportunity thereafter.

To show that the employee was advised in writing of the notification requirement of this paragraph, the temporary employment firm shall advise the temporary employee by requiring the temporary employee, at the time of employment with the temporary employment firm, to read and sign a document that provides a clear and concise explanation of the notification requirement and the consequences of a failure to notify. The document shall be separate from any contract of employment and a copy of the signed document shall be provided to the temporary employee.

For the purposes of this paragraph:

- (1) "Temporary employee" means an individual who is employed by a temporary employment firm to provide services to clients to supplement their work force during absences, seasonal workloads, temporary skill or labor market shortages, and for special assignments and projects.
- (2) "Temporary employment firm" means a person engaged in the business of employing temporary employees.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated July 14, 20111, reference 02, 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.

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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