

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**RANDY D WATSON**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO: 13A-UI-03372-LT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 07/08/12  
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Able and Available/Work Search

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the March 18, 2013 (reference 02), decision that warned claimant to make at least two in-person work search contacts per week but did not deny benefits for the week ending March 2, 2013. After due notice was issued, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled to be held on April 23, 2013. Claimant's appeal letter was sufficient to resolve the issue and no hearing was held.

**ISSUE:**

Did the claimant make an adequate work search for the week ending March 2, 2013 and was the warning appropriate?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant claimed benefits for the week ending March 2, 2013. He did make two in-person work searches for that week. He spoke to Ted at 866-239-0843 who told claimant his records verified his adequate work search report. He reported Ted's information to Kelly at 641-782-2119. She advised claimant to file an appeal.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has made an active and earnest search for work.

Iowa Code section 96.4-3 provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

871 IAC 24.23(28) provides:

(28) A claimant will be ineligible for benefits because of failure to make an adequate work search after having been previously warned and instructed to expand the search for work effort.

The claimant has sufficiently demonstrated to the satisfaction of the administrative law judge an active and earnest search for work for the week ending March 2, 2013. Accordingly, the warning was not appropriate.

**DECISION:**

The March 18, 2013 (reference 02) decision is reversed. The claimant did make an active and earnest search for work for the week ending March 2, 2013. Therefore, the warning was not appropriate.

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Dévon M. Lewis  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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