#### IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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ANGELICA OLIVAS Claimant

# APPEAL NO. 07A-UI-04569-BT

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

KELLY SERVICES INC Employer

> OC: 04/08/07 R: 02 Claimant: Appellant (1)

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

### STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Angelica Olivas (claimant) appealed an unemployment insurance decision dated May 1, 2007, reference 02, which held that she was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits because she was discharged from Kelly Services, Inc. (employer) for work-related misconduct. After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on May 24, 2007. The claimant participated in the hearing. Susan Jaquez translated on behalf of the claimant. The employer participated through Kelly Bishop, Supervisor. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the parties, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

#### **ISSUE:**

The issue is whether the claimant's voluntary separation from employment qualifies her to receive unemployment insurance benefits?

#### FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and having considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant was employed as a full-time general laborer from 2006 until April 11, 2007, when she voluntarily quit. The line leader told the claimant to do a particular job which was within her job duties. He gave her three directives, but she refused to do it and walked off the job.

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

The issue is whether the claimant's voluntary separation from employment qualifies her to receive unemployment insurance benefits. The claimant is not qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits if she voluntarily quit without good cause attributable to the employer. Iowa Code sections 96.5-1.

In general, a voluntary quit requires evidence of an intention to sever the employment relationship and an overt act carrying out that intention. Local Lodge #1426 v. Wilson Trailer,

289 N.W.2d 608, 612 (Iowa 1980) and <u>Peck v. Employment Appeal Bd.</u>, 492 N.W.2d 438 (Iowa Ct. App. 1992). The claimant demonstrated her intent to quit when she walked off the job after refusing to work and before the end of her shift.

It is the claimant's burden to prove that the voluntary quit was for a good cause that would not disqualify her. Iowa Code section 96.6-2. The claimant has not satisfied that burden. Benefits are denied.

## DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated May 1, 2007, reference 02, is affirmed. The claimant voluntarily left work without good cause attributable to the employer. Benefits are withheld until she has worked in and has been paid wages for insured work equal to ten times her weekly benefit amount, provided she is otherwise eligible.

Susan D. Ackerman Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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