

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**DONALD J CHAPLIN**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 12A-UI-05534-LT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**L A LEASING INC  
SEDONA STAFFING**  
Employer

**OC: 04/01/12**  
**Claimant: Respondent (1)**

Iowa Code § 96.5(1)j – Voluntary Leaving (Temporary Assignment)

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The employer filed an appeal from the May 7, 2012 (reference 01) decision that allowed benefits. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call on June 5, 2012. Claimant participated. Employer participated through unemployment benefits administrator, Colleen McGuinty and company president, Nikki Kiefer. Claimant's Exhibit A was admitted to the record.

**ISSUE:**

Did the claimant quit by not reporting for additional work assignments within three business days of the end of the last assignment?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant was employed full-time as a temporary programmer assigned at Relay Health and was separated from the assignment on March 23, 2012 when the client no longer needed his services. He contacted Sedona on Monday, March 19 after his Relay Health supervisor notified him the assignment would end on Friday, March 23. He called the office on Friday, March 23 and the person answering the phone said his résumé had been passed on to the client in Platteville, Wisconsin. There is a Sedona office in Platteville but he was not instructed to call that office. He called Sedona again on Monday, March 26 about the status of the Platteville position and was told it was still pending. He asked about other assignments. He called on Monday, April 2 and inquired about the Platteville job or other open positions. He was told that the Platteville job was on hold and may not materialize. He e-mailed Kiefer on May 3, 2012 about his interest in other programming job assignments.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant voluntarily left employment with good cause attributable to the employer and adequately notified employer of his availability for additional assignments.

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.

871 IAC 24.26(19) provides:

Voluntary quit with good cause attributable to the employer and separations not considered to be voluntary quits. The following are reasons for a claimant leaving employment with good cause attributable to the employer:

(19) The claimant was employed on a temporary basis for assignment to spot jobs or casual labor work and fulfilled the contract of hire when each of the jobs was completed. An election not to report for a new assignment to work shall not be construed as a voluntary leaving of employment. The issue of a refusal of an offer of suitable work shall be adjudicated when an offer of work is made by the former employer. The provisions of Iowa Code § 96.5(3) and rule 24.24(96) are controlling in the determination of suitability of work. However, this subrule shall not apply to substitute school employees who are subject to the provisions of Iowa Code § 96.4(5) which denies benefits that are based on service in an educational institution when the individual declines or refuses to accept a

new contract or reasonable assurance of continued employment status. Under this circumstance, the substitute school employee shall be considered to have voluntarily quit employment.

The purpose of the statute is to provide notice to the temporary agency employer that the claimant is available for and seeking work at the end of the temporary assignment. Since claimant contacted the employer and asked for other work immediately upon notice that his assignment would end later that week, on the end date of the assignment, and twice in the following two weeks after the end of the assignment, but there was no work available, benefits are allowed, provided he is otherwise eligible.

**DECISION:**

The May 7, 2012 (reference 01) decision is affirmed. The claimant's separation from employment was attributable to the employer. The employer had adequate knowledge about the conclusion of the claimant's assignment but had no further work available at the time. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

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Dévon M. Lewis  
Administrative Law Judge

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