

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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JEFFREY R MAICHIN
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 12A-UI-08650-JTT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 06/10/12
Claimant: Appellant (1)

Section 96.3(7) – Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Jeffrey Maichin filed a timely appeal from the July 16, 2012, reference 02, decision that he was overpaid \$1,744.00 for four weeks between June 10, 2012 and July 7, 2012 because of an agency representative's decision that disqualified him for benefits in connection with a voluntary quit from Security Industries. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on August 13, 2012. Mr. Maichin participated and presented additional testimony through Mike Bletso. The hearing in this matter was consolidated with the hearing in Appeal Number 12A-UI-08649-JTT and the administrative law judge hereby takes official notice of the decision entered in that matter. Exhibits A and B were received into evidence. The administrative law judge took official notice of the agency's administrative record of benefits paid to the claimant.

ISSUE:

Whether Mr. Maichin was overpaid \$1,744.00 for four weeks between June 10, 2012 and July 7, 2012.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Jeffrey Maichin established a claim for unemployment insurance benefits that was effective June 10, 2012. Mr. Maichin received benefits totaling \$1,744.00 for the four-week period of June 10, 2012 through July 7, 2012. On July 13, 2012, a workforce development representative entered a reference 01 decision that disqualified the claimant for unemployment insurance benefits based on a June 7, 2012 voluntary quit from Security Industries. The July 13, 2012, reference 01, disqualification decision has been affirmed on appeal. See Appeal Number 12A-UI-08649-JTT. The present overpayment matter is based on the disqualification decision that has been affirmed on appeal.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Iowa Code section 96.3-7, as amended in 2008, provides:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits.

a. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

b. (1) If the department determines that an overpayment has been made, the charge for the overpayment against the employer's account shall be removed and the account shall be credited with an amount equal to the overpayment from the unemployment compensation trust fund and this credit shall include both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5. However, provided the benefits were not received as the result of fraud or willful misrepresentation by the individual, benefits shall not be recovered from an individual if the employer did not participate in the initial determination to award benefits pursuant to section 96.6, subsection 2, and an overpayment occurred because of a subsequent reversal on appeal regarding the issue of the individual's separation from employment. The employer shall not be charged with the benefits.

(2) An accounting firm, agent, unemployment insurance accounting firm, or other entity that represents an employer in unemployment claim matters and demonstrates a continuous pattern of failing to participate in the initial determinations to award benefits, as determined and defined by rule by the department, shall be denied permission by the department to represent any employers in unemployment insurance matters. This subparagraph does not apply to attorneys or counselors admitted to practice in the courts of this state pursuant to section 602.10101.

Because the disqualification decision that prompted the overpayment decision has been affirmed on appeal, the administrative law judge concludes that Mr. Maichin was overpaid \$1,744.00 for four weeks between June 10, 2012 and July 7, 2012. Mr. Maichin is required to repay that amount.

DECISION:

The Agency representative's July 16, 2012, reference 02, decision is affirmed. The claimant voluntarily quit the employment without good cause attributable to the employer. The claimant was overpaid \$1,744.00 for four weeks between June 10, 2012 and July 7, 2012.

James E. Timberland
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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