

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**JERI L ENTLER**  
Claimant

**PALMER COMPANIES INC**  
**PALMER CONSULTING**  
Employer

**APPEAL NO: 09A-UI-16225-ST**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**OC: 02/08/09**  
**Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit  
Section 17A.12(3) – Default

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant appealed a department decision dated October 12, 2009, reference 03, that held he voluntarily quit without good cause on September 28, 2009, and benefits are denied. A telephone hearing was scheduled for December 3, 2009. The claimant did not participate. Brian Berry, Staffing Consultant, participated for the employer.

**ISSUE:**

Whether the claimant voluntarily quit employment with good cause attributable to the employer.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The administrative law judge having considered the evidence in the record, finds: The claimant failed to respond to the hearing notice and provide a telephone number to be contacted for the hearing. The employer moved to default the claimant for his failure to appear, and the motion was granted.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Iowa Code section 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.

The administrative law judge concludes the employer motion to default that was granted due to the failure of the claimant to appear (respond to the hearing notice) for the hearing establishes that claimant voluntarily quit without good cause on September 28, 2009.

The claimant appealed the department decision, but failed to appear for the hearing to contest the voluntary quit. The claimant is defaulted pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.12(3), and the department decision remains in force and effect.

**DECISION:**

The department decision dated October 12, 2009, reference 03, is affirmed. The claimant voluntarily quit without good cause on September 28, 2009. Benefits are denied until the claimant requalifies by working in and being paid wages for insured work equal to ten times his weekly benefit amount, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

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Randy L. Stephenson  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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