

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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**SONIA RIVAS ZAMORANO**  
Claimant

**MASONITE CORPORATION**  
Employer

**APPEAL 21A-UI-02545-CL-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**OC: 11/22/20  
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

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Iowa Code § 96.6(3) – Appeals  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(1) – Determination and Review of Benefit Rights  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.28(6-8) – Prior Adjudication

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

On January 14, 2021, the claimant filed an appeal from the January 6, 2021, (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision that denied benefits based upon a decision in a prior benefit year for the same separation. The parties were properly notified about the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on March 29, 2021. Claimant participated personally and through a Spanish interpreter with CTS Language Link. Employer did not answer at the number it provided for the hearing and did not participate.

**ISSUE:**

Was the separation adjudicated in a prior claim year?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The separation at issue has been adjudicated in a prior claim year effective November 24, 2019, as the unemployment insurance decision dated December 29, 2020, reference 03. That decision in favor of employer has been reversed.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the separation at issue has been adjudicated in a prior claim year.

No disqualification is imposed if a decision on this same separation has been made on a prior claim by a representative of the department and such decision has become final. Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.28(6-8) and 871-24.19(1).

Inasmuch as the current decision is in conflict with the prior claim year decision, the current decision is reversed.

**DECISION:**

The January 6, 2021, (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision is reversed. Benefits are allowed, provided claimant is otherwise eligible.



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March 30, 2021  
Decision Dated and Mailed

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