IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

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RODERICK MOORE Claimant	APPEAL NO. 19A-UI-00407-S1-T
	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION
REMEDY INTELLIGENT STAFFING INC Employer	
	OC: 12/16/18

Claimant: Respondent (1)

Section 96.5-1-j – Separation from Temporary Employer Section 96.5-1 - Voluntary Quit Section 96.3-7 – Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Remedy Intelligent Staffing (employer) appealed a representative's January 8, 2019, decision (reference 04) that concluded Roderick Moore (claimant) was eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits. After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was scheduled for January 30, 2019. The claimant did not provide a telephone number for the hearing and, therefore, did not participate. The employer participated by Kayla Jones, Personnel Supervisor. Exhibit D-1 was received into evidence. The employer offered and Exhibit 1 was received into evidence.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant was separated from employment for any disqualifying reason.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The employer is a temporary employment service. The claimant performed services off and on from October 22, 2017, through September 19, 2018. He signed a document on October 11, 2017, indicating he was to contact the employer within three working days following the completion of an assignment to request placement in a new assignment. The document did indicate the consequences of a failure to notify the employer. The employer was uncertain whether it gave the claimant a copy of the document. The document was not separate from the contract for hire.

After the interviewing process, the claimant started his assignment at Electrical Power Products on September 11, 2018. He worked for six days. On the seventh day, he appeared for work but left to talk to the employer. He told the employer he could not perform the work because he could not read blue prints. The employer told the claimant no work was available.

The claimant filed for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of December 16, 2018. The employer participated personally at the fact finding interview on January 7, 2019, by Kayla Jones.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow the administrative law judge concludes the claimant was not separated from employment for a disqualifying reason.

Iowa Code section 96.5(1) provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits, regardless of the source of the individual's wage credits:

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. (1) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph:

(a) "Temporary employee" means an individual who is employed by a temporary employment firm to provide services to clients to supplement their workforce during absences, seasonal workloads, temporary skill or labor market shortages, and for special assignments and projects.

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Under the Iowa Code the employer must advise the claimant of the three day notice requirement and give the claimant a copy of that requirement. The notice requirement must be separate from the contract for hire. The employer did not provide the claimant with the proper notice requirements and has, therefore, failed to satisfy the requirements of Iowa Code Section 96.5-1-j. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.26(23) 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:

(23) The claimant left work because the type of work was misrepresented to such claimant at the time of acceptance of the work assignment.

A voluntary leaving of employment requires an intention to terminate the employment relationship accompanied by an overt act of carrying out that intention. *Local Lodge #1426 v. Wilson Trailer*, 289 N.W.2d 608, 612 (Iowa 1980). The claimant's intention to voluntarily leave his assignment was evidenced by his words and actions. He told the employer he was leaving.

When an employee quits work because the type of work was misrepresented to him when he accepted the assignment, his leaving is with good cause attributable to the employer. The claimant took the job and thought he could perform the job functions. He left work because he could not perform the duties the job entailed. His leaving was with good cause.

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DECISION:

The representative's January 8, 2019, decision (reference 04) is affirmed. The claimant was separated from the employer for good cause attributable to the employer. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

Beth A. Scheetz Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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