IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

CESAR U CAMARGO Claimant ADVANCE SERVICES INC Employer CC: 11/11/12

Claimant: Appellant (1)

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Leaving

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Cesar U. Camargo (claimant) appealed a representative's December 10, 2012 decision (reference 01) that concluded he was not qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits after a separation from employment with Advance Services, Inc. (employer). After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on February 14, 2013. The claimant participated in the hearing. Michael Payne appeared on the employer's behalf. Ike Rocha served as interpreter. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the parties, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

ISSUE:

Did the claimant voluntarily quit for a good cause attributable to the employer?

OUTCOME:

Affirmed. Benefits denied.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The employer is a temporary employment firm. The claimant began taking assignments with the employer on August 30, 2011. His most recent assignment prior to the issuance of the representative's decision began on August 21, 2012. He worked full-time as a general laborer at the employer's Lone Tree, Iowa business client. His last day on the assignment was October 23, 2012. The assignment ended because the claimant informed the employer on October 24 that he was leaving and returning to Texas.

The claimant had been working in the husking department, and the work in that department was over. However, there was continued work available for the claimant with the business client in the warehouse department. The claimant did not wish to continue paying for housing, and he had arranged to leave Iowa, so he declined to stay and continue working for the business client.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

If the claimant voluntarily quit his employment, he is not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits unless it was for good cause attributable to the employer. Iowa Code § 96.5-1. Rule 871 IAC 24.25 provides that, in general, a voluntary quit means discontinuing the employment because the employee no longer desires to remain in the relationship of an employee with the employer from whom the employee has separated. A voluntary leaving of employment requires an intention to terminate the employment relationship and an action to carry out that intent. *Bartelt v. Employment Appeal Board*, 494 N.W.2d 684 (Iowa 1993); *Wills v. Employment Appeal Board*, 447 N.W.2d 137, 138 (Iowa 1989). The claimant did express or exhibit the intent to cease working for the employer and did act to carry it out. The claimant would be disqualified for unemployment insurance benefits unless he voluntarily quit for good cause.

The claimant has the burden of proving that the voluntary quit was for a good cause that would not disqualify him. Iowa Code § 96.6-2. Leaving when continued work was available because of a desire to return to another locality is not good cause for quitting. 871 IAC 24.25. The claimant has not satisfied his burden. Benefits are denied.

DECISION:

The representative's December 10, 2012 decision (reference 01) is affirmed. The claimant voluntarily left his employment without good cause attributable to the employer. As of October 24, 2012, benefits are withheld until such time as the claimant has worked in and been paid wages for insured work equal to ten times his weekly benefit amount, provided he is otherwise eligible.

Lynette A. F. Donner Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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