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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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L A LEASING INC SEDONA STAFFING 612 VALLEY DR MOLINE IL 61265 Appeal Number: 04A-UI-03997-SWT

OC 02/29/04 R 03 Claimant: Appellant (2)

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- The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
- 2. A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
- 3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
- 4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

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(Administrative Law Judge)
(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1-j - Voluntary Quit of Temporary Employment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed an unemployment insurance decision dated March 30, 2004, reference 04, that concluded the claimant voluntarily quit employment without good cause attributable to the employer. A telephone hearing was held on May 20, 2004. The parties were properly notified about the hearing. The claimant participated in the hearing. Connie Christians participated in the hearing on behalf of the employer. Exhibit One was admitted into evidence at the hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The employer is a staffing service that provides workers to client businesses on a temporary or indefinite basis. The claimant worked full time for the employer from January 20, 2004 through March 3, 2004, as maintenance worker assigned to work at a manufacturing plant. When the claimant was hired, he read and signed a statement that advised him to contact the employer

within three working days after the completion of an assignment and that failure to do so would be deemed a voluntary quit of employment.

On March 2, 2004, the claimant received permission from his supervisor to be absent from work on March 3. He was upfront with the employer and informed that supervisor that he was looking for another job with benefits. After missing work on March 3, the client business requested that the claimant be removed from the assignment for absenteeism.

The account coordinator called the claimant on March 4 and informed him that he was being removed from the assignment. The employer, however, did not discharge the claimant. The account coordinator requested that the claimant bring in an up-to-date résumé to better match the claimant with available jobs. The claimant brought in a résumé on March 5 and personally gave it to the account coordinator. He was not offered an assignment that day or the next day when the claimant came in to pick up his check.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this case is whether the claimant voluntarily quit employment without good cause attributable to the employer.

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.

Iowa Code Section 96.5-1-i 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, but the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:
- j. 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.

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.

- (1) "Temporary employee" means an individual who is employed by a temporary employment firm to provide services to clients to supplement their work force during absences, seasonal workloads, temporary skill or labor market shortages, and for special assignments and projects.
- (2) "Temporary employment firm" means a person engaged in the business of employing temporary employees.

The claimant is not disqualified under Iowa Code Section 96.5-1-j because he contacted the employer immediately following the end of the assignment seeking a new assignment but was not offered any work.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated March 30, 2004, reference 04, and is reversed. The claimant is qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits, if he is otherwise eligible.

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