

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

**PHILLIP A MAY**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 10A-UI-02950-HT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**STAFFING PROFESSIONALS LLC**  
Employer

**OC: 01/03/10**  
**Claimant: Respondent (2-R)**

Section 96.5(1)j – Quit/Temporary

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The employer, Staffing Professionals, filed an appeal from a decision dated February 16, 2010, reference 02. The decision allowed benefits to the claimant, Philip May. After due notice was issued a hearing was held by telephone conference call on April 7, 2010. The claimant provided a telephone number to the Appeals Section. That number was dialed at 3:00 p.m. and his spouse answered the phone, stating he was at work and not available. A message was left indicating the hearing would proceed without the claimant's participation unless he contacted the Appeals Section at the toll-free number prior to the close of the record. By the time the record was closed at 3:08 p.m. the claimant had not responded to the message and did not participate in the hearing or request a postponement of the hearing as required by the hearing notice. The employer participated by Human Resources Coordinator Stacy Navarro. Exhibit One was admitted into the record.

**ISSUE:**

The issue is whether the claimant quit work with good cause attributable to the employer.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Philip May was employed by Staffing Professionals from February 23, 2009 until June 10, 2009. His last assignment was at Beisser Lumber and ended June 5, 2009. He did not contact the employer after the end of that assignment. He signed a notice on February 19, 2009, which informed him he must contact the temporary agency within three working days of the end of each assignment to request more work. Failure to do so would be considered a voluntary quit.

Philip May has received unemployment benefits since filing a claim with an effective date of January 3, 2010.

## **REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Iowa Code section 96.5-1-j 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.

For the purposes of this paragraph:

(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 was properly notified of his obligation to contact the temporary agency after the end of each assignment in order to request more work. Under the provisions of the above Code section, his failure to do so is a voluntary quit without good cause attributable to the employer. He is disqualified.

Iowa Code section 96.3-7, as amended in 2008, provides:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits.

a. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from

any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

b. (1) If the department determines that an overpayment has been made, the charge for the overpayment against the employer's account shall be removed and the account shall be credited with an amount equal to the overpayment from the unemployment compensation trust fund and this credit shall include both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5. However, provided the benefits were not received as the result of fraud or willful misrepresentation by the individual, benefits shall not be recovered from an individual if the employer did not participate in the initial determination to award benefits pursuant to section 96.6, subsection 2, and an overpayment occurred because of a subsequent reversal on appeal regarding the issue of the individual's separation from employment. The employer shall not be charged with the benefits.

(2) An accounting firm, agent, unemployment insurance accounting firm, or other entity that represents an employer in unemployment claim matters and demonstrates a continuous pattern of failing to participate in the initial determinations to award benefits, as determined and defined by rule by the department, shall be denied permission by the department to represent any employers in unemployment insurance matters. This subparagraph does not apply to attorneys or counselors admitted to practice in the courts of this state pursuant to section 602.10101.

The claimant has received unemployment benefits to which he is not entitled. The question of whether the claimant must repay these benefits is remanded to the UIS division.

**DECISION:**

The representative's decision of February 16, 2010, reference 02, is reversed. Philip May is disqualified and benefits are withheld until he has earned ten times his weekly benefit amount, provided he is otherwise eligible. The issue of whether the claimant must repay the unemployment benefits is remanded to UIS division for determination.

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Bonny G. Hendricksmeier  
Administrative Law Judge

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