

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319
DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI**

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**Appeal Number: 06A-UI-05772-MT
OC: 04/30/06 R: 03
Claimant: Respondent (1)**

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1. 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 – Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Employer filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated May 25, 2006, reference 02, which held claimant eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on June 21, 2006. Claimant participated. Employer participated by John Sims, Foreman, Shane Fee, laborer and Wade Robbins, President.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant last worked for employer on May 4, 2006. Claimant was called

names by a co-worker. Claimant walked off the job. Claimant spoke to the company president about the issue. Claimant asked if he could go and apply for unemployment. Employer did not offer to resolve the co-worker conflict. Employer did not ask claimant to return to work. Employer agreed that claimant could consider himself laid off.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this matter is whether claimant quit for good cause attributable to employer. The administrative law judge holds that the evidence has established that claimant voluntarily quit for good cause attributable to employer when claimant terminated the employment relationship because of a layoff. Employer's failure to assure claimant of a harassment free work environment and order him back to work indicates a layoff. This is cause attributable to employer. Benefits allowed.

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.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated May 25, 2006, reference 02, is affirmed. Unemployment insurance benefits are allowed, provided claimant is otherwise eligible.

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