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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MASON CITY RECYCLING LLC MASON CITY IRON & METAL 2200 S PIERCE AVE PO BOX 986 MASON CITY IA 50402-0986 Appeal Number: 06A-UI-06041-MT

OC: 08/28/05 R: 02 Claimant: Appellant (1)

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- 3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
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(Administrative Law Judge)
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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated June 8, 2006, reference 07, which held claimant ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on June 29, 2006. Claimant participated. Employer participated by Mike Ludwig, General Manager.

## 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 24, 2006. Claimant wanted to work in the shop rather than drive. No shop jobs were open. Claimant had tire blowouts on the

last day of work. Claimant received two citations for an overweight load and tire blowouts. Claimant was very unhappy and demanded to be moved to the shop or he would quit. Employer did not have a shop job open. Employer accepted claimant's resignation. Claimant was never promised a shop job. Employer did not have a shop. Employer was in the process of hiring a mechanic and opening a full-time shop. Claimant quit due to dissatisfaction with the work environment.

## 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 failed to establish that claimant voluntarily quit for good cause attributable to employer when claimant terminated the employment relationship because of dissatisfaction with the work environment. Claimant wanted a shop job that did not yet exist. Claimant was hired in as a driver with no promise of a shop job. Claimant was also unhappy with the general working conditions. Claimant did not have the right to control the work environment. Employer had absolute right to call the shots on work issues. This is a personal reason for a voluntary quit. Benefits withheld.

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 June 8, 2006, reference 07, is affirmed. Unemployment insurance benefits shall be withheld until claimant has worked in and been paid wages for insured work equal to ten times claimant's weekly benefit amount, provided claimant is otherwise eligible.

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