

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: 04A-UI-03516-DWT  
OC 11/30/03 R 04  
Claimant: Appellant (2)

**This Decision Shall Become Final**, unless within fifteen (15) days from the date below, you or any interested party appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by submitting either a signed letter or a signed written Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.**

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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 are based.

YOU MAY REPRESENT yourself in this appeal or you may obtain a lawyer or other interested party to do so provided there is no expense to Workforce Development. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, you may obtain the services of either a private attorney or one whose services are paid for with public funds. It is important that you file your claim as directed, while this appeal is pending, to protect your continuing right to benefits.

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(Administrative Law Judge)

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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.3-7 – Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Rhonda S. Townsend (claimant) appealed a representative's March 23, 2004 decision (reference 03) that concluded she had been overpaid \$79.00 for the week ending February 14, 2004. The overpayment occurred as the result of a representative's March 9, 2004 decision. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held on April 6, 2004. The claimant participated in the hearing. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the claimant, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

ISSUE:

Has the claimant been overpaid any benefits for the week ending February 14, 2004?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant established a claim for unemployment insurance benefits during the week of November 30, 2003. She filed a claim for unemployment insurance benefits during the week ending February 14, 2004. The claimant worked on February 10 and reported the wages she earned. Based on the wages the claimant earned for the week ending February 14, 2004, the claimant received partial unemployment insurance benefits of \$79.00 for this week.

A representative's March 9, 2004 decision (reference 03) concluded the claimant was not qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits as of February 8, 2004 because without good cause she refused Retail Grocery Inventory's offer of work this week. The claimant appealed this decision. Based on evidence presented in an April 6, 2004 hearing, the representative's March 9, 2004 decision was reversed. See decision for Appeal No. 04A-UI-02989-DWT.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

If an individual receives benefits she is not legally entitled to receive, the Department shall recover the benefits even if the individual acted in good faith and is not at fault in receiving the overpayment. Iowa Code §96.3-7. Based on the decision for appeal 04A-UI-02989-DWT, the claimant remains qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits as of February 8, 2004. She is legally entitled to receive benefits for the week ending February 14, 2004. Therefore, the claimant has not been overpaid any benefits for the week ending February 14, 2004.

DECISION:

The representative's March 23, 2004 decision (reference 03) is reversed. The claimant is legally entitled to receive benefits for the week ending February 14, 2004. She has not been overpaid \$79.00 in benefits for this week.

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