

**HEARING OFFICER, CAREER SERVICE BOARD
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, COLORADO**

Appeal No. 121-05

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL OF:

THERESA MONDRAGON,
Appellant,

vs.

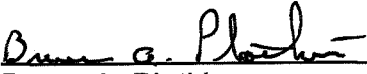
DENVER DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,
Agency,
and the City and County of Denver, a municipal corporation.

This appeal was scheduled for the hearing on the January 19, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. The Hearings Office notified the Appellant of the hearing date and time by Pre-hearing Order dated November 4, 2005, by sending the Order to the address the Appellant provided the Hearings Office. The Order was not returned to the Hearings Office.

On the date of hearing, at 8:22 a.m., eight minutes before hearing was to commence, the Appellant telephoned the Hearings Office to request a continuance. As cause therefore, the Appellant stated she has been unable to retain legal counsel. The Hearings Officer advised the Appellant that such a late request was not sufficient cause to grant her request, and advised if she did not appear for Hearing, the appeal would be deemed abandoned. The Appellant replied she would not appear for hearing.

The Hearings Officer DENIES the Appellant's request for a continuance both for lack of good cause, and as prejudicial to the Agency, whose attorney and witnesses appeared timely and ready to proceed. The Hearings Officer finds that Appellant has abandoned this appeal by virtue of her failure to appear. This appeal is, therefore, DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE pursuant to Career Service Rule 19-27.

DONE this 19th day of January, 2006.



Bruce A. Plotkin
Hearings Officer
Career Service Board