

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. **H501995**

RAALF A. RODRIGUEZ, EMPLOYEE

CLAIMANT

ROMI CONSTRUCTION, UNINSURED EMPLOYER

RESPONDENT

OPINION/ORDER FILED **DECEMBER 2, 2025**

Hearing before ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JOSEPH C. SELF, in Springdale, Washington County, Arkansas.

Claimant is unrepresented and did not appear at the hearing.

Respondents are represented by JOSEPH H. PURVIS, Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas

OPINION/ORDER

On April 1, 2025, claimant filed Form AR-C, alleging a compensable injury on March 13, 2025. Claimant was represented at the time by Matthew J. Ketcham. Mr. Ketcham filed a Motion to Withdraw on October 8, 2025, and was allowed to withdraw on October 30, 2025. Mr. Ketcham learned that his client had been deported from the United States by Immigration and Custom Enforcement, and therefore would not be able to pursue this claim.

On October 13, 2025, respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss, alleging that it had been more than six months since claimant filed his Form AR-C with the Commission, but he had not made a request for a hearing in that time. A hearing on respondent's Motion to Dismiss was scheduled for November 21, 2025. Notice of the scheduled hearing was sent to claimant by certified mail at the last known address in the Commission's file. The notice was returned unclaimed on October 16, 2025. Claimant did not respond to respondent's motion and did not appear in person at the hearing on November 21, 2025.

I find it has been more than six months since prior to this hearing and that no request for a

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hearing has been made in this file. After my review of respondent's motion, the claimant's lack of response and failure to attend the hearing for the respondent's motion, as well as all other matters properly before the Commission, I find that respondent's Motion to Dismiss this claim should be and hereby is granted. This dismissal is pursuant to Commission 11 C.A.R. § 25-110(d) (formerly Commission Rule 099.13) and is without prejudice.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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JOSEPH C. SELF  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE