U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of CLARENCE E. WRYE <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Tampa, FL

Docket No. 00-2383; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 17, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained a recurrence of disability commencing February 2, 1999 causally related to a June 11, 1998 employment incident.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated April 4, 2000 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.¹

¹ The Office accepted that on June 11, 1998 appellant injured his lower back while picking up nylon banding straps from the floor; however, no specific medical condition was accepted as having occurred at that time and no time was lost from work. Appellant resumed full-regular duty on July 20, 1998. Following his alleged February 1999 recurrence, appellant claimed three days of disability.

Accordingly, the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated April 4, 2000 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC July 17, 2001

> Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member