U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of GARY BRAV <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Boston, MA

Docket No. 01-940; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 14, 2002

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before ALEC J. KOROMILAS, DAVID S. GERSON, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish that he sustained a recurrence of disability on or after January 20, 2000 causally related to his accepted November 25, 1996 employment-related injury.

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 December 20, 2000 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decisions of the Office of Worker	rs' Compensation Programs dated December 20 and
April 18, 2000 are hereby affirmed. ¹	

Dated, Washington, DC March 14, 2002

> Alec J. Koromilas Member

David S. Gerson Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member

¹ Based on the record, the claimant's event of January 20, 2000 appears to show a separate incident and could constitute a new injury.