

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - MONMOUTH COUNTY
DOCKET NO. MON-L-000719-20

MARLENE CARIDE,)
COMMISSIONER OF THE)
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF)
BANKING AND INSURANCE,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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TIFFANY TURNER)
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)
Defendant.)

Civil Action

ORDER

The Defendant, Tiffany Turner ("Defendant"), having been duly served with a copy of the Summons and Complaint in the above-entitled action and having been defaulted for failure to appear, answer or otherwise defend;

This Court now finds that Defendant violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act ("Fraud Act") N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1), and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(2) by knowingly preparing and presenting false and misleading statements to Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company ("Nationwide") in support of a claim for payment, specifically by making a false statement and presenting falsified hospital, medical, and bank records in support of a claim for injuries sustained by Defendant's pet dog.

IT IS on this 8th day of January, 2021, that plaintiff's motion is hereby **GRANTED**; and

ORDERED that FINAL JUDGMENT is entered in the amount of \$8,885.00 against Defendant Tiffany Turner, and in favor of the Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$5,000.00 in civil penalties for two violations of the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30, for presenting and causing to be presented false statements to Nationwide regarding treatment to Defendant's pet dog; attorney's fees of \$2,820.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5; cost of service in the amount of \$65.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5; and a statutory fraud surcharge of \$1,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED pursuant to R. 1:5-1(a) that a copy of this Order will be served on all parties not served electronically, nor served personally in court this date, within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.

/s/ MARA ZAZZALI-HOGAN, J.S.C.

Opposed ()

Unopposed (X)