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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - BURLINGTON COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. BUR-DC-006991-20

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

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY  
DEFAULT**

**SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY  
PENALTIES**

**AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$8,346.00**

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Andrew J. Bruck, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Brian R. Fitzgerald, Deputy Attorney General, appearing), attorney for Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance on a motion for judgment by default; and

Defendant, Frank Meadows ("Defendant"), having been duly

served with a copy of the Summons and Complaint in the above-captioned action, and default having been entered for Defendant's failure to appear, answer, or otherwise defend;

This Court now finds that Defendant violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act") by making an oral statement to an insurance company in support of a claim for payment pursuant to an insurance policy knowing that the statement contained false or misleading information concerning facts or things material to the claim, in violation of the Fraud Act.

Specifically, Defendant reported to an insurance company in support of his automobile insurance claim that his vehicle was damaged in a hit and run accident, when in fact he had collided with another vehicle, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 7th day of September 2021, entered in the amount of \$8,346.00 against Defendant, and in favor of Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$5,000.00 in civil penalties for one violation of the Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$2,346.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); and a statutory fraud surcharge of \$1,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:6A-15,

Defendant's driving privileges will be suspended for a period of one (1) year from the date of this judgment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Order be served upon all parties within 10 days of the date of receipt.

/s/ John E Harrington  
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Hon. John E Harrington, J.S.C. Recall

This motion was:

\_\_\_\_\_ Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Unopposed