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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - CAMDEN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. CAM-L-1122-21

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

Civil Action

ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Andrew J. Bruck, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey, (by William E. Vaughan, 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, Mattie Roberts ("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 knowingly making oral statements to an insurance company in support of an automobile insurance application and claim.

Specifically, Defendant made false oral statements to Progressive Garden State Insurance Company ("Progressive") that no listed driver or vehicle had been in an accident between July 13, 2018 and August 3, 2018 at approximately 3:30 p.m., concealing an accident that occurred on August 3, 2018 at approximately 12:18 p.m., so that Defendant's auto insurance would be reinstated and a first party claim could be made, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(4)(b), N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1), and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(3); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this *4th* day of *February* 2022, entered in the amount of \$9,526.24 against Defendant, and in favor of Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance as follows:

- (a) \$5,000.00 in civil penalties for two (2) violations of the Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);
- (b) attorneys' fees of \$3,500.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-

5(b);

(c) costs of service in the amount of \$26.24 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); and

(d) a statutory fraud surcharge of \$1,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Order be served upon all parties within 7 days of the date of receipt.


STEVEN J. POLANSKY, P.J.Cv.

This motion was:

 Opposed ✓ Unopposed

"Reasons Set Forth on the Record"

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