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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - BURLINGTON COUNTY
DOCKET NO. BUR-L-000518-22

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

Civil Action

**ORDER OF FINAL JUDGMENT
BY DEFAULT**

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Matthew J. Platkin, 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 final judgment by default; and

Defendant, Darryl Riggins (“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 knowingly made false written and oral statements to an insurance company (i) for the purpose of obtaining an automobile insurance policy, and (ii) in support of automobile insurance claim, both in violation of the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 (“Fraud Act”).

Specifically, Defendant falsely represented on an application for automobile insurance and in connection with an automobile insurance claim that he resided and garaged his vehicle in New Jersey, when in fact Defendant resided and garaged his vehicle in New York, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(4)(a), N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(4)(b), and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1).

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 23rd day of September 2022, entered in the amount of \$9,295.00 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 two (2) violations of the Fraud Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys’ fees of \$3,227.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);^{*} cost of service in the amount of \$80.00 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:6A-15, Defendant’s driving privileges shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year from the date of this judgment.

^{*}Having reviewed the unopposed moving papers, the Court finds the fees reasonable given the rates charged for the work performed, the hours spent and the nature of the case.

