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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - MIDDLESEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO. MID-L-3121-02

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
SOMIL PATEL and SAMEER S.)
PATEL,)
)
DEFENDANTS.)

Civil Action

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS Plaintiff State of New Jersey ("Plaintiff" or "State"), and Defendant Somil Patel ("Defendant") (collectively, "Parties") have reached an amicable agreement resolving the issues in controversy, and consented to the entry of the within Stipulation of Settlement ("Settlement").

WHEREAS the Parties have determined and hereby agree that settlement is in each of their best interests, and for good cause shown.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree fully and finally to settle this matter pursuant to the terms and conditions below.

1. Defendant admits that, in 1999, he violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act"), by submitting three falsified receipts to an insurance company for insurance benefits for items stolen from his vehicle, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(2) and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(b).

2. Defendant's conduct, in 1999, constitutes four violations of the Fraud Act, and any future violations of the Fraud Act shall be considered subsequent violations pursuant to 17:33A-5(c).

3. Defendant agrees that he shall not engage in any future violations of the Fraud Act.

4. Defendant shall pay a total settlement of \$5,000.00 to the State ("Settlement Amount"). This Settlement Amount consists of \$4,000.00 in civil penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); \$800.00 in attorneys' fees pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); and \$200.00 statutory surcharge pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1.

5. Defendant shall satisfy the judgment upon the following terms and conditions:

Immediately upon execution of this Stipulation of Settlement by Defendant, Defendant shall remit to the attorney for

the State a payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 by certified check, official bank check, or money order made payable to the "Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance" and sent to:

William E. Vaughan
Deputy Attorney General
Banking and Insurance Section
R.J. Hughes Justice Complex
25 Market Street
P.O. Box 117
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

6. No representation, inducement, promise, understanding, condition, or warranty not set forth in this Settlement has been made to or relied upon by Defendant in agreeing to this Settlement. Defendant represents that this Settlement is freely and voluntary entered into without any degree of duress or compulsion.

7. The Parties agree that each Party shall bear its own legal and other costs incurred in connection with this matter, and no additional attorneys' fees or costs shall be due, except Defendant agrees to pay Plaintiff's attorneys' fees pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b) in the amount stated above and all reasonable costs of collection and enforcement of this Settlement, including attorneys' fees and expenses.

8. For purposes of construction, this Settlement shall be deemed drafted by all Parties to this Settlement and therefore

shall not be construed against any Party for that reason in any subsequent dispute.

9. The undersigned counsel and any other signatories represent and warrant that they are fully authorized to execute this Settlement on behalf of the persons indicated below.

10. All communications from any party concerning the subject matter of this Settlement shall be addressed as follows:

If to the State: William E. Vaughan
Deputy Attorney General
Banking and Insurance Section
R.J. Hughes Justice Complex
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If to Defendant: Vahbiz P. Karanjia, Esq.
Epstein Ostrove, LLC
200 Metroplex Drive, Suite 304
Edison, New Jersey 08817

11. This Settlement may be executed in counterparts, each of which constitutes an original and all of which constitutes one and the same agreement.

12. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-10(c), a copy of this Stipulation of Settlement shall be provided to any appropriate licensing authority.


13. This Stipulation of Settlement may be used in any subsequent civil or criminal proceedings.

14. The penalties of this Settlement are imposed pursuant to the police powers of the State of New Jersey for the enforcement of the law and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, and are not intended to constitute debts which may be limited or discharged in a bankruptcy proceeding.

CONSENTED AS TO FORM, CONTENT, AND ENTRY:

MATTHEW J. PLATKIN
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Attorney for Plaintiff

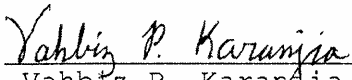
Dated: 3/3/23

By: 
William E. Vaughan
Deputy Attorney General

Dated: 2/23/23

By: 
Somil Patel
Defendant

Dated: 2/28/2023

By: 
Vahbiz P. Karanjia, Esq.
Counsel for Defendant