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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - ATLANTIC COUNTY
DOCKET NO. ATL-DC-003472-19

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

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT**

**SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
PENALTIES**

**AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY:
\$15,252.50**

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Nicholas Kant, 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, Wilhelmine Charles ("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;

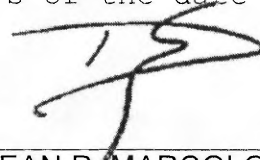
This Court now finds that Defendant violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act") by making oral statements to an insurance company in connection with and in support of a claim for payment pursuant to an insurance policy knowing that the statements contained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

Specifically, Defendant misrepresented to an insurance company the time an automobile accident occurred, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this **18th** day of **May** 2023, entered in the amount of \$15,252.50 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 \$9,252.50 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 5 days of the date of receipt.



DEAN R. MARCOLONGO J.S.C.

This motion was:

 Opposed Unopposed

Having reviewed the above motion, I find it to be meritorious on its face and unopposed. Pursuant to R.1:6-2, it therefore will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth on the moving papers.