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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - PASSAIC COUNTY
DOCKET NO. PAS-DC-007397-22

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN, ACTING)
COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW)
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF)
BANKING AND INSURANCE¹,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
EDA PRINCE,)
Defendant.)

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT**

**SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
PENALTIES**

**AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY:
\$9,500.00**

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Jessica Lugo, Deputy Attorney General, appearing), attorney for Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance on a motion for judgment by default; and

¹ Pursuant to R. 4:34-4, the caption has been revised to reflect the current Acting Commissioner of the Department.

Defendant, Eda Prince (“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 (i) concealing and/or knowingly failing to disclose the occurrence of an event that affected her initial or continued right or entitlement to an insurance benefit or payment, and (ii) making written statements to an insurance company for the purpose of obtaining an insurance policy, knowing that the statements contained false or misleading information concerning material facts, both in violation of the Fraud Act.

Specifically, Defendant failed to disclose a household member and regular driver of an insured vehicle on an application for automobile insurance and subsequent renewal application questionnaires, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(3); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this ^{December} 22nd day of 2023, entered in the amount of \$9,500.00 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 \$3,500.00 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 a copy of this Order be served upon all parties within 7 days of the date of receipt.

Adam E. Jacobs

HON. ADAM E. JACOBS, J.S.C.

This motion was:

_____ Opposed
 X _____ Unopposed

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law – Rule 1:7-4(a)

After default is entered, a plaintiff may seek a judgment by default in accordance with R. 4:43-2. If application for default judgment is made more than 6 months after entry of the default, the application must be by Notice of Motion served in accordance with R. 1:6. Plaintiff having complied with all procedural requirements, the unopposed motion herein is properly filed and granted.