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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. UNN-DC-007084-22

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

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT**

**SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
PENALTIES**

AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$9,411.00

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Matthew J. Platkin, 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, Jacob Nikitas ("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;

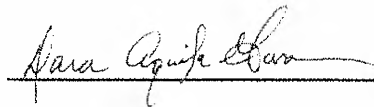
This Court now finds that Defendant violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act") by knowingly making false oral statements to an insurance company in support of any automobile insurance claim, in violation of the Fraud Act;

Specifically, Defendant, represented orally that he was involved in an accident that occurred after the inception of his automobile insurance policy when it actually occurred just prior to when he obtained the policy, and concealed the accident when he obtained his automobile insurance policy, Defendant knowingly made oral statements to an insurance company in support of any automobile insurance claim, in violation of 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 18th day of ~~January 2023~~^{January 2024}, entered in the amount of \$9,411.00 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 \$3,411.00 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 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; and

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sara Aquino", is written over a horizontal line.

J.S.C.

This motion was:

Opposed Unopposed