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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - GLOUCESTER COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. GLO-DC-001500-24

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN, ACTING	)	
COMMISSIONER OF THE	)	<u>Civil Action</u>
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF	)	
BANKING AND INSURANCE,	)	<b>ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT</b>
	)	<b>BY DEFAULT</b>
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	<b>SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY</b>
SHARON CHESTNUT,	)	<b>PENALTIES</b>
	)	
Defendant.	)	<b>AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY:</b>
	)	<b>\$10,164.00</b>

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the Application of Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Chandra M. Arkema, Deputy Attorney General, appearing), attorney for Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance on a motion for final judgment by default; and Defendant, Sharon Chestnut

("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 in support of a claim for insurance benefits, in violation of the Fraud Act;

Specifically, Defendant, on two separate occasions, falsely represented to an insurance company in connection with a personal injury claim, that she was injured when a cement ashtray outside a convenience store fell onto her foot, when in fact, Defendant pulled over the ashtray herself and it actually made no contact with her body, in violation N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1).

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 3rd day of <sup>July</sup> 2024, entered in the amount of \$10,164.00 against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$7,500.00 in civil penalties for two (2) violations of the Fraud Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$1,664.00 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.

/s/ Samuel J. Ragonese  
J.S.C.

This motion was:

☐ Opposed

☒ Unopposed