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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - OCEAN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. OCN-L-002845-23

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN, ACTING)	
COMMISSIONER OF THE)	<u>Civil Action</u>
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF)	
BANKING AND INSURANCE,)	ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT
)	BY DEFAULT
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
QAWI BROWN,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

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, Justin Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance on a motion for final judgment by default; and

Defendant, Qawi Brown (“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 statements to an insurance company in support of at least five claims for insurance benefits, in violation of the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 (“Fraud Act”); and

Specifically, Defendant knowingly made false representations in, at least, five claims for insurance benefits that he or his family members slipped, fell, and were injured when, in fact, neither Defendant nor his family ever slipped, fell, or were injured, all in order to obtain insurance payments, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1) and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(3).

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this **7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024**, entered in the amount of \$34,500.00 against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of:

- a. \$30,000.00 in civil penalties for five (5) violations of the Fraud Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);
- b. attorneys’ fees of \$3,500.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); and
- c. 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. 17:33A-26, Defendant is to pay \$300.00 in restitution to Harleysville Insurance Company; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-26, Defendant is to pay \$1,200.00 in restitution to Travelers Indemnity Company; and

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

/s/ Robert E. Brenner

HON. ROBERT E. BRENNER, J.S.C.

***MOTION GRANTED FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ON THE RECORD OF NOVEMBER 7, 2024. THE TOTAL JUDGMENT ENTERED AGAINST DEFENDANT IS \$36,000.00.

This motion was:

 Opposed

 X Unopposed