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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - BERGEN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. BER-DC-012349-24

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN,
COMMISSIONER OF THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
BANKING AND INSURANCE,

Plaintiff,

V.

DONNA PACE,

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

Defendant, Donna Pace ("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 in support of a claim, in violation of the Fraud Act;

Specifically, Defendant (a) falsely reported to an insurance company that certain items had been stolen or were missing from her home, when in fact she had previously returned some of the items for a refund; and (b) made false oral statements in support of a claim, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1).

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 18 day of December, 2024, entered in the amount of \$9,500.00 against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$5,000.00 in civil penalties for one (1) violation of the Fraud Act pursuant to 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.

/s/ Joseph G. Monaghan

Joseph G. Monaghan, J.S.C.

This motion was:

 Opposed

 ^x Unopposed