

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE**  
**BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE**



**CONSENT ORDER NO. 16-51880-08**

In the Matter of	)	<b>CONSENT ORDER</b>
Ramiro G. Vargas, Jr.	)	
224 Inslee Place Basement Apartment	)	
Elizabethport, New Jersey 07206	)	
Respondent.	)	

THIS MATTER having been opened by the Bureau of Fraud Deterrence, Department of Banking and Insurance of the State of New Jersey, upon information indicating that Respondent, Ramiro G. Vargas, Jr., currently residing at 224 Inslee Place Basement Apartment, Elizabethport, New Jersey, may have violated the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4, and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Ramiro G. Vargas, Jr., purposely set his own 2015 Ford Explorer on fire on October 31, 2015 then falsely requested during a formal claims process that Allstate Insurance pay for the fire damage. These false statements include: 1. The false statement to Elizabeth Police Department Officer Vincent Flatley on October 31, 2015 at the fire scene, as documented in the Elizabeth Police Department first responder report. This report was then submitted by Mr. Vargas to Allstate to further his false fire claim. 2. The false Affidavit of Vehicle Fire dated November 7, 2015, submitted to Allstate. 3. The false recorded statement dated November 11, 2015 to Allstate. 4. A false letter of complaint from Mr. Vargas to Allstate dated December 1, 2015. 5. The false Examination Under Oath testimony given on January 11, 2016 by Mr. Vargas to Allstate. 6. A false letter of protest

from Mr. Vargas to the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance Ombudsman dated March 23, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the above conduct constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 et seq., and any future violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 et seq., shall be considered to be a second offense; and

WHEREAS, Respondent has been informed that he has a right to notice and to request a hearing, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.), on the violation alleged herein before a civil and administrative penalty is imposed, and

WHEREAS, Respondent understands these rights and has voluntarily waived the right to notice and to a formal legal proceeding in this matter, and

WHEREAS, Respondent consents to pay a civil administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00, and surcharge in the amount of \$250.00, the total amount of \$5,250.00 being due immediately by certified check, bank check or money order made payable to the "Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance". This signed order and the payment shall be returned to Managing Investigator, Michael Palumbo, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence, Department of Banking and Insurance, PO Box 326, Trenton, NJ 08625; and

WHEREAS, the penalties of this Consent Order are imposed pursuant to the police powers of the State of New Jersey for the enforcement of the law and the protection of the public health, safety and welfare, and are not intended to constitute debts which may be limited or discharged in a bankruptcy proceeding, and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the matter is suitable for resolution upon the consent of the parties and that Respondent and the Bureau of Fraud Deterrence desire to terminate this matter without further hearing or litigation, and for further good cause appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS 17 day of February, 2017.

ORDERED AND AGREED as follows: 28<sup>TH</sup>

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(c), civil administrative penalty of \$5,000.00 is imposed on Respondent, Ramiro G. Vargas, Jr..
2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1, Respondent shall pay to the Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance, a surcharge equal to five (5%) percent of the settlement amount, which is \$250.00, such amount to be in addition to the civil administrative penalty.

3. This Consent Order shall not be binding until it is signed by the Chief of Investigations, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence.

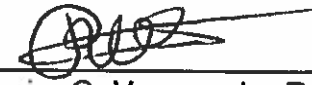
4. Respondent consents to the entry of this final administrative order. Respondent understands that this final administrative order may be docketed with the Clerk of the Superior Court as provided in the Penalty Enforcement Law (N.J.S.A. 2A:58-1 et seq.).

RICHARD J. BADOLATO  
COMMISSIONER  
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

By:

  
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JOHN BUTCHKO  
CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS  
BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE

CONSENTED TO AS TO FORM, CONTENT  
AND ENTRY OF ORDER:

  
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Ramiro G. Vargas, Jr., Respondent

Dated: 2/17/17.