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



## **CONSENT ORDER NO. 24-51240-04**

In the Matter of	)	CONSENT ORDER
Jean Wark	)	) ) )
68 Secretariat Court	)	
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724	)	
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, Jean Wark, currently residing at 68 Secretariat Court, Tinton Falls, New Jersey 07724, may have violated the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Jean Wark, did knowingly provide false and misleading information in an online claim to Safelite on February 27, 2024, by stating that the windshield of her policy vehicle sustained damage on February 26, 2024, and in an interview with Progressive Group of Insurance Companies on February 28, 2024, by stating that the windshield of her policy vehicle sustained damage on February 25, 2024, when, in fact, the damage was present on the policy vehicle on February 22, 2024, prior to a lower comprehensive deductible effective date of February 25, 2024; 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 she 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 \$1,500.00, and surcharge in the amount of \$75.00, the total amount of \$1,575.00 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 I. Palumbo, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence, Department of Banking and Insurance, PO Box 326, Trenton, New Jersey 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\_

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ORDERED AND AGREED as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(c), civil administrative penalty of \$1,500.00 is imposed on Respondent, Jean Wark.
- 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 \$75.00, 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 Assistant Commissioner, 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.).

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

RICHARD BESSER
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE

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

Jean Wark, Respondent

Dated: