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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - HUDSON COUNTY
DOCKET NO. HUD-DC-011659-18

MARLENE CARIDE,
COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
BANKING AND INSURANCE,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN KUCKS,

Defendant.

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT**

SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
PENALTIES

AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$8,217.50

The Defendant, John Kucks ("Defendant"), having been duly served with a copy of the Summons and Complaint in the above-entitled action and default having been entered for failure to appear, answer, or otherwise defend;

This Court now finds that Defendant John Kucks violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act"), specifically N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4a(4)(b), by knowingly providing false and misleading statements to an

insurance company in support of an application for an automobile insurance policy on his June 3, 2014 application to Drive New Jersey/Progressive Insurance Company by failing to disclose household residents.

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 1st day of March 2019, entered in the amount of \$8,217.50 against Defendant John Kucks and in favor of Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of: a \$5,000.00 civil penalty for one violation of the Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30; attorneys' fees of \$2,217.50 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5b; and 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. 39:6A-15, Defendant John Kucks's driving privileges will be suspended for a period of one (1) year from the date of this judgment.

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

Kimberly Espinales-Maloney

Hon. Kimberly Espinales-Maloney, J. S. C.

This motion was:

 Opposed

 ✓ Unopposed

Granted, pursuant to R. 4:43-2(B).