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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - GLOUCESTER COUNTY
DOCKET NO. GLO-DC-5835-17

MARLENE CARIDE, COMMISSIONER)
OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT)
OF BANKING AND INSURANCE,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
DOMINIQUE MERCHANT,)
Defendant.)

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT**

**SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
PENALTIES**

**AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY:
\$8,979.50**

Defendant, Dominique Merchant, 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 Dominique Merchant violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act"), by knowingly providing false or misleading information to an insurance company during an

application for automobile insurance and during a claim for benefits; and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 7th day of JUNE, 2019, entered in the amount of \$8,979.50 against Defendant Dominique Mercahnt 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 two violations of the Fraud Act, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5b; attorneys' fees of \$2,979.50, 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; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:6A-15, Defendant Dominique Merchant's driving privileges will be suspended for a period of one 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.

Timothy W. Chell, P.J.Cv.

J.S.C.

This motion was:

_____ Opposed

_____ Unopposed