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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION - CAMDEN COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. CAM-L-005185-19

MARLENE CARIDE, )  
COMMISSIONER OF THE )  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF )  
BANKING AND INSURANCE, )  
 )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
BRITTNEY L. HODGE, )  
 )  
Defendant. )

Civil Action

**ORDER OF FINAL JUDGMENT  
BY DEFAULT**

Defendant, Brittney L. Hodge ("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 (i) made an oral statement in support of a claim for payment pursuant to an automobile insurance policy knowing that the statement contained false information concerning material facts, and so a third party

claim would be paid, and (ii) conspired with another individual to submit the materially false statement, in violation of the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act"). Specifically, Defendant (i) falsely reported to an insurance company in support of her sister's personal injury protection claim that she was a passenger in a vehicle that was involved in an accident and that her sister was the driver, when in fact Defendant was the driver and the vehicle did not have any passengers, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1), and (ii) conspired with her sister in reporting to an insurance company that her sister was the driver, when in fact Defendant was the driver, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(b).

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2020, entered in the amount of \$15,901.00 against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$10,000.00 in civil penalties for two (2) violations of the Fraud Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$4,836.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); cost of service in the amount of \$65.00 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 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:6A-15, Defendant's driving privileges shall 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.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.S.C.

Honorable Donald J. Stein, J.S.C.

This motion was:

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Opposed  
\_\_\_\_\_  
 Unopposed

"for the reasons set forth  
on the record"

S-21-2.