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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - SUSSEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO. SSX-L-000101-20

MARLENE CARIDE,)
COMMISSIONER OF THE)
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF)
BANKING AND INSURANCE,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
GARY D. HAZEN,)
)
Defendant.)

Civil Action

**ORDER OF FINAL JUDGMENT
BY DEFAULT**

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Gurbir S. Grewal, Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Brian R. Fitzgerald, Deputy Attorney General, appearing), attorney for Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance on a motion for final judgment by default; and

Defendant, Gary D. Hazen ("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 (a) made an oral statement in support of a claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy knowing that the statement contained false information concerning material facts, and (b) made oral and written statements intended to be presented to an insurance company in support of a claim for payment pursuant to an insurance policy knowing that the statements contained false information concerning material facts, both in violation of the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act").

Specifically, Defendant (a) falsely reported to an insurance company that his vehicle had been stolen from his residence, when in fact it had not been stolen, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1), and (b) made false oral and written statements to the police that his vehicle had been stolen from his residence, when in fact it had not been stolen, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(2).

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 22nd day of February, 2020, entered in the amount of \$13,459.50 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 \$2,324.50

pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); cost of service in the amount of \$135.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5; and a statutory fraud surcharge of \$1,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1.

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

s/ Robert J. Brennan
ROBERT J. BRENNAN , J.S.C.
retired, t/a

This motion was:

_____ Opposed

XX _____ Unopposed