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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - MORRIS COUNTY
DOCKET NO. MRS-L-001056-20

MARLENE CARIDE,)
COMMISSIONER OF THE)
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF)
BANKING AND INSURANCE,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
RAHIM MOHAMMED-TAIWO,)
)
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, Rahim Mohammed-Taiwo ("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 a written statement to an insurance company for the purpose of obtaining an insurance policy knowing that the statement contained false or misleading information concerning facts material to an insurance application, and (b) 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 or misleading 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 represented on an automobile insurance application that he resided and garaged his vehicle in New Jersey, when in fact he resided and garaged his vehicle in New York, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(4)(b); and (b) during a call with an insurance company concerning and in support of his insurance claim concerning an automobile accident, falsely represented that he resided in New Jersey when in fact he resided in New York, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1).

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 23rd day of April 2021, entered in the amount of \$15,841.00 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 \$4,766.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); cost of service in the amount of \$75.00 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.

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.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Order be served upon all parties within 10 days of the date of receipt. Service shall be by regular first class mail and certified mail/return receipt requested.

WJM
1/s/William J. McGovern, III
WILLIAM J. MCGOVERN, III, J.S.C.

This motion was:

_____ Opposed
 X _____ Unopposed

Motion granted, unopposed, on the papers