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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION-MERCER COUNTY
DOCKET NO. MER-L-1451-20

MARLENE CARIDE,
COMMISSIONER OF THE)
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF)
BANKING & INSURANCE,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
)
BRENDA PALMER,)
)
Defendants.)

Civil Action

**ORDER OF ENTRY OF
FINAL JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT**

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

This Court now finds that Defendant Palmer violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act"), by presenting false statements to MetLife Life Insurance Company ("MetLife") when renewing her disability

insurance benefits in November 2011, specifically by falsely stating to MetLife that she was not working and that she was not earning additional income, and failing to disclose that she, in fact, was employed; and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 10th day of September 2021, entered in the amount of \$7,159.00 against Defendant Brenda Palmer and in favor of Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of civil penalties in the amount of \$5,000.00, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$1,091.00, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); cost of service in the amount of \$68.00, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); a \$1,000.00 statutory fraud surcharge, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that final judgment of restitution in the amount of \$494.50 is entered against Defendant Brenda Palmer and in favor of MetLife Insurance Company, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-26.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Order be served upon all parties within 14 days of the date of receipt.

 /s/ Douglas H. Hurd
P.J. Cv.

This motion was:

_____ Opposed
 x _____ Unopposed