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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - MIDDLESEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO. MID-DC-001354-21

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

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT**

**SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
PENALTIES**

**AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY:
\$12,132.72**

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Andrew J. Bruck, Acting 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 judgment by default; and

Defendant, Champagne Thompson ("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 violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act") by conspiring with another individual to make oral statements to an insurance company in support of a claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy knowing that the statements contained false or misleading information concerning a fact or thing material to the claim, in violation of the Fraud Act.

Specifically, Defendant conspired with an unknown male individual to falsely represent to an insurance company that a check for payment on an automobile insurance claim was signed incorrectly so that the insurance company would issue a replacement check, but cashed both the original and replacement checks, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1) and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(b); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this day of 2021, entered in the amount of \$12,132.72 against Defendants as follows:

(1) In favor of Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance: (i) \$5,000.00 in civil penalties against Defendant for one violation of the Fraud Act, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);

(ii) attorneys' fees of \$3,920.00, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); (iii) and a statutory fraud surcharge of \$1,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1; and

(2) In favor of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and against Defendant, in the amount of \$2,212.72 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-26.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:6A-15, Defendant's driving privileges will 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.

This motion was:

 Opposed Unopposed

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Hon. J. Randall Corman, JSC