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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - HUDSON COUNTY
DOCKET NO. HUD-L-2300-21

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

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT**

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Matthew J. Platkin, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey, (by William E. Vaughan, 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, Mahogani Taylor ("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 knowingly making false statements to an insurance company in support of an automobile insurance application;

Specifically, Defendant misrepresented in an application for automobile insurance, that she lived alone and she would be the sole driver of the vehicle, when in fact, she lived with her parents and, her father, Derel Turner was an undisclosed driver of her listed vehicle in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(3), and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(4)(b); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 29th day of April 2022, entered in the amount of \$9,704.00 against Defendant, and in favor of Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance as follows:

- (a) \$5,000.00 in civil penalties for one (1) violation of the Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);
- (b) attorneys' fees of ~~\$3,500.00~~ pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);
- (c) costs of service in the amount of \$204.00 against Defendant pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); and
- (d) 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.



Hon. Christine M. Vanek, J.S.C.

This motion was:

 Opposed Unopposed

This unopposed motion is hereby granted pursuant to the moving papers and R. 4:43-2(b). On or prior to May 13, 2022 the moving party shall upload a certification that comports with R. 4:42-9, that certifies the factors under R.P.C. 1.5 have been met on notice to defendant pursuant to R. 4:42-1 (the five day rule).
DED/TRIAL/ARB: NONE