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This Motion was Unopposed

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY SPECIAL CIVIL PART – MIDDLESEX COUNTY DOCKET NO. MID-DC-000812-23

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN, ACTING) COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW Civil Action **JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF**) BANKING AND INSURANCE¹, ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY **DEFAULT**) Plaintiff, SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY) **PENALTIES** ٧.) AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: James Stephens, \$14,565.00) Defendant.

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Jessica Lugo, Deputy Attorney General, appearing), attorney for Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance on a motion for judgment by default; and

 $^{^{1}}$ Pursuant to \underline{R} . 4:34-4, the caption has been revised to reflect the current Acting Commissioner of the Department.

Defendant, James Stephens ("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 making a written statement as part of, or 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, in violation of the Fraud Act.

Specifically, Defendant submitted claims to two different insurance companies for duplicative items that were allegedly stolen on different occasions, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1) and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(2); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this ____day of ____ 2023, entered in the amount of \$14,565.00 against Defendant, and in favor of Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$10,000.00 in civil penalties for two violation of the Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$3,565.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); 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 _____ days of the date of receipt.

This motion was:	
Opposed	Hon. J. Randall Corman, JSC
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