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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - OCEAN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. OCN-DC-004818-23

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN, ACTING)
COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW)
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF)
BANKING AND INSURANCE,¹)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

RONNIE CEBALLOS RIVERA,)

Defendant.)

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT**

**SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
PENALTIES**

AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$7,430.00

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

¹ Pursuant to R. 4:34-4, the caption has been revised to reflect the current Acting Commissioner of the Department.

by default; and

Defendant, Ronnie Ceballos Rivera ("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 oral statements to an insurance company in support of a claim for payment pursuant to an insurance policy knowing that the statements contained false or misleading information concerning material facts;

Specifically, Defendant made oral statements to Progressive Garden State Insurance Company ("Progressive"), falsely representing to Progressive (i) the date the damage to the glass on his vehicle occurred, and (ii) that the damage to the glass on his vehicle occurred after he added after he added comprehensive window glass coverage to his insurance policy when, in fact, the damage occurred prior to him adding comprehensive window glass coverage to his policy, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this **11TH** day of **SEPTEMBER, 2023**; entered in the amount of \$7,430.00 against Defendant, and in favor of Plaintiff. This amount consists of \$5,000.00 in civil penalties for one violation of the Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);

attorneys' fees of \$1,430.00 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 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 seven (7) days of the date of receipt.



HON. JOHN M. DORAN, J.S.C.

This motion was:

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