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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - ATLANTIC COUNTY
DOCKET NO. ATL-L-002461-22

MARLENE CARIDE,)
COMMISSIONER OF THE)
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF)
BANKING & INSURANCE,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
YASELI TAVERAS-JIMENEZ,)
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)
Defendant.)

Civil Action

ORDER OF FINAL JUDGEMNT
BY DEFAULT

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Anna M. Lascurain, Deputy Attorney General, appearing), attorney for Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance on a motion for final judgment by default; and

The Defendant, Yaseli Taveras-Jimenez ("Defendant"), having been duly served with a copy of the Summons and Complaint in the above-entitled action and having been defaulted for failure to appear, answer or otherwise defend;

This Court now finds that Defendant violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, specifically N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1), N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(3)(a) and (b), N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(4) and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(5), by knowingly providing false and misleading information concerning a material fact to Progressive Group of Insurance Companies ("Progressive") in support of a claim for damage to Defendant's vehicle, a 2014 Hyundai Elantra, VIN # ending in 7008 ("Hyundai"), specifically by failing to disclose that the damage had occurred prior to the effective date of the insurance coverage, and by falsely misrepresenting the date when the damage occurred, in violation of the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act").

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 15th day of March 2024, entered in the amount of \$11,850.00 against Defendant Yaseli Taveras-Jimenez, and in favor of the Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$5,000.00 in civil penalties for one violation of the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30; attorneys' fees of \$5,775.00 pursuant to

N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5; cost of service in the amount of \$75.00 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 shall be suspended for a period of one year from the date of this judgment; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be served upon all parties via eCourts electronic filing or by regular mail within seven (7) days of the date of this Order to any party not served by eCourts.

This motion was:

_____ Opposed
 X Unopposed

 /s/ Stanley L. Bergman, Jr.
STANLEY L. BERGMAN, JR., J.S.C.

Having reviewed the above motion, I find it to be meritorious on its face and is unopposed. Pursuant to R.1:6-2, it therefore will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers.