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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - ESSEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO. ESX-DC-015188-23

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

) Civil Action

) **ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT
BY DEFAULT**

v.)

TAYSHAUN DOUGLAS,)
Defendant.)

) **SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
PENALTIES**

) **AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY:
\$8,236.00**

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the Application of Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Chandra M. Arkema, 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 by default; and

Defendant, Douglas (“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 false oral and written statements to an insurance company in support of an automobile insurance application and claim for insurance benefits, in violation of the Fraud Act;

Specifically, when reinstating his automobile insurance policy for his 2010 Honda Accord, Defendant failed to disclose to Progressive Garden State Insurance Company that his vehicle was damaged, and then in support of a subsequent claim for those damages, falsely represented to Progressive that his vehicle was damaged after he reinstated the policy, when in fact the damage occurred before he reinstated the policy, in violation of the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this^{28TH} day of ^{MARCH} 2024, entered in the amount of \$8,236.00 against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$5,000.00 in civil penalties for two (2) violations of the Fraud Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys’ fees of \$2,236.00 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 year from the date of this judgment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Order be served upon all parties within ¹⁰ days of the date of receipt.

Cynthia D. Santomauro
CYNTHIA D. SANTOMAURO, J.S.C.

This motion was:

Opposed

Unopposed