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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - ATLANTIC COUNTY
DOCKET NO. ATL-DC-003801-19

MARLENE CARIDE, COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW Civil Action JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE, ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY **DEFAULT** Plaintiff, SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY PENALTIES V. ) KRISTIN PITTMAN, ) AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$8,796.50 Defendant.

Defendant, Kristin Pittman ("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 written and oral statements to an insurance company

in connection with and in support of a claim for payment pursuant to an insurance policy knowing that the statements contained false or misleading information concerning any fact or thing material to the claim. Specifically, Defendant (i) falsely reported to an insurance company that an accident occurred to her vehicle after she obtained an automobile insurance policy when, in fact, it occurred prior to her obtaining the policy; (ii) misrepresented the extent of the damage that occurred from the prior accident; and (iii) supplied photographs of the damage that occurred to her vehicle from the prior accident and misrepresented that the photographs were from an accident that occurred after she obtained the policy, all in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 16th day of March, 2020, entered in the amount of \$8,796.50 against Defendant, Kristin Pittman, and in favor of 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 Fraud Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$2,796.50 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  $\underline{\phantom{a}}$  days of the date of receipt.

This motion was:

\_\_\_\_\_Opposed

X Unopposed