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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - GLOUCESTER COUNTY
DOCKET NO. GLO-DC-007176-19

MARLENE CARIDE,)
COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW)
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF)
BANKING AND INSURANCE,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
ERIK VARONA,)
)
Defendant.)

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT**

**SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
PENALTIES**

AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$8,322.00

Defendant, Erik Varona ("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"). Specifically, Defendant submitted written statements to

an insurance company in order to reinstate, a lapsed insurance policy, falsely representing on behalf of and in the name of his wife that she had not been involved in an automobile accident between the time the insurance policy lapsed and the time the insurance policy was reinstated, when in fact she had been in an accident after the policy lapsed and before the policy was reinstated, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(4)(b); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 10th day of July 2020, entered in the amount of \$8,322.00 against Defendant, 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, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$2,322.00 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 7 days of the date of receipt.

/s/ John C. Eastlack, Jr.
JOHN C. EASTLACK, JR., J.S.C.

This motion was:

_____ Opposed X _____ Unopposed