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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION - UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. UNN-L-004084-19

MARLENE CARIDE,  
COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW  
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF  
BANKING AND INSURANCE,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
JANISA MERCADO,  
  
Defendant.

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Civil Action  
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**ORDER OF FINAL JUDGMENT BY**  
**DEFAULT**  
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The Defendant, Janisa Mercado ("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-(a) (1), by knowingly submitting false claims to American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus ("AFLAC").

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 21 day of August 2020, entered in the amount of \$21,531.24 against Defendant Mercado, and in favor of the Plaintiff, Commissioner of the State of 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 \$3,900.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5b; costs of service of process in the amount of \$65.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); a statutory fraud surcharge of \$1,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1; and restitution in the amount of \$11,566.24 (\$11,325.00 principal plus prejudgment interest of \$241.24 payable to AFLAC).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be served upon all parties within 5 days of the date of receipt.

/s/ Mark P. Ciarrocca

Hon. Mark P. Ciarrocca, <sup>J.S.C.</sup>P.J.Cv.

This motion was:

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