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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - ESSEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO. ESX-L-001704-20

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

Civil Action

**ORDER OF FINAL JUDGMENT
BY DEFAULT**

Defendant, Mike Douze ("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 (i) made oral and written statements to an insurance company in support of a claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy knowing that the statements contained false information concerning

material facts, and (ii) made oral statements intended to be presented to an insurance company in support of a claim for payment pursuant to an insurance policy knowing that the statements contained false information concerning material facts, both in violation of the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act").

Specifically, Defendant (i) falsely reported to an insurance company, both orally and in writing, that his vehicle had been stolen, when in fact Defendant abandoned the vehicle and set it on fire in order to avoid making car payments, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1), and (ii) falsely reported to the police that his vehicle had been stolen, when in fact Defendant abandoned the vehicle and set it on fire in order to avoid making car payments, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(2).

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this **23rd** day of **November** 2020, entered in the amount of \$25,330.00 against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$20,000.00 in civil penalties for two (2) violations of the Fraud Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$4,265.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); cost of service in the amount of \$65.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5; 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 (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/ Bridget A. Stecher •

HON. BRIDGET A. STECHER, J.S.C.

This motion was:

_____ Opposed

 X _____ Unopposed