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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. UNN-DC-012449-19

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

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT**

**SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
PENALTIES**

AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$8,307.50

Defendant, Charlie Serrano ("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 knowingly conspired with and

assisted the owner of a vehicle to dispose of the vehicle by setting it on fire in order for the owner to recover the full value of the car and avoid further payments on the vehicle, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(b); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 9th day of December 2020, entered in the amount of \$8,307.50 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 \$2,307.50 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 7 days of the date of receipt.

1st John G. Hudak

The Hon. John G. Hudak, J.S.C.

This motion was:

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