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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - BERGEN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. BER-DC-020195-19

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

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
DEFAULT**

**SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
PENALTIES**

AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$8,160.00

Defendant, Damian Arias ("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, specifically N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1), by falsely representing to

Progressive Garden State Insurance Company that he had an automobile accident on January 10, 2019 when, in fact, said accident occurred on January 9, 2019 when there was no insurance coverage; and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 16 day of July 2020, entered in the amount of \$8,160.00 against Defendant, Damian Arias, 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 New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30; attorneys' fees of \$2,160.00 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/ Joseph G. Monaghan

Joseph G. Monaghan, J.S.C.

This motion was:

 Opposed

 X Unopposed