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> > SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY SPECIAL CIVIL PART - BERGEN COUNTY DOCKET NO.BER-DC-002616-21

MARLENE CARIDE, COMMISSIONER OF THE) Civil Action NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF) ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BANKING AND INSURANCE,) BY DEFAULT Plaintiff,) v.)) SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY GEORGE BENNETT,) PENALTIES AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$7,872.00 Defendant.

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Gurbir S. Grewal, Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Chandra M. Arkema, Deputy Attorney General, appearing), attorney for Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance on a motion for final judgment by default; and

Defendant, George Bennett ("Defendant"), having been duly served with a copy of the Summons and Complaint in the abovecaptioned 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" by knowingly preparing and presenting fraudulent receipts to Progressive Garden State Insurance Company ("Progressive") for an auto property damage claim, Defendant presented written statements in support of claims for payment pursuant to an insurance policy knowing that the statements contained false or misleading information concerning material facts, violating N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1) and (2); and

June, 22 FINAL JUDGMENT is on this day of 2021, entered in the amount of \$7,872.00, against Defendant, George Bennett, 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 \$1,872.00, 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.

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 $\underline{}$ days of the date of receipt.

/S/Joseph G. Monaghan

J.S.C. Joseph G. Monaghan

This motion was:

_____Opposed

X Unopposed