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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY SPECIAL CIVIL PART - BURLINGTON COUNTY DOCKET NO. BUR-DC-007822-20

MARLENE CARIDE, COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE,

Plaintiff,

V.

JUSTIN HITCHNER,

Defendant.

Civil Action

ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT

SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY PENALTIES

AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$9,500.00

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of ANDREW J. BRUCK, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Dakar Ross, Deputy Attorney General, appearing), attorney for Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance on a motion for judgment by default; and

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Defendant, Justin Hitchner ("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 making a false statement in support of a claim for insurance benefits, in violation of the Fraud Act:

Specifically, Defendant falsely reported to USAA Casualty Insurance Companies ("USAA") that the insured vehicle had sustained fire damage on February 15, 2018 when, in fact, the fire damage occurred on February 14, 2018, just prior to adding coverage for said vehicle under an existing insurance policy, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1); and

ON THIS 7th Day of October 2021,

IT IS ORDERED THAT Final Judgment be and hereby is entered in the amount of \$9,500.00 against Defendant, and in favor of Plaintiff, Marlene Caride, Commissioner of the New Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$5,000.00 in civil penalties against Defendant for one violation of the Fraud Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$3,500.00 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 10 days of the date of receipt.

/s/ John E Harrington Hon. John E Harrington , J.S.C.,Recall

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