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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION – HUNTERDON COUNTY DOCKET NO. HNT-L-000476-22

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN, ACTING COMMISSIONER OF THE) NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE¹,)) Plaintiff, Civil Action ν. ORDER OF FINAL JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT) JOSEPH NEUHOFF and EVA) LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS, LLC) d/b/a JNJ CARRIERS,)) Defendants.)

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the application of Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Chandra M. Arkema, Deputy Attorney General, appearing), attorney for Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance on a motion for final judgment by default; and

Defendants, Joseph Neuhoff ("Neuhoff") and Eva Logistics Solutions, LLC d/b/a JNJ Carriers ("Eva") (collectively, "Defendants"), having been duly served with copies of the Summons and Complaint

¹ Pursuant to R. 4:34-4, the caption has been revised to reflect the current Acting Commissioner of the Department.

in the above-captioned action, and default having been entered for Defendants' failure to appear, answer, or otherwise defend;

This Court now finds that Defendants, made oral and written statements to an insurance company, for the purpose of obtaining a workers compensation insurance policy, knowing that the statements contained false or misleading information concerning material facts, and failed to disclose an event, in violation of the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act"); and

Specifically, by Neuhoff, on behalf of Eva, falsely representing to Republic Franklin Insurance Company in the application for a workers' compensation policy that he was unaware of any claims or losses between October 8, 2017 and December 8, 2017, when he was actually aware that a loss occurred on December 7, 2017, and concealing the accident on December 7, 2017, Defendants violated N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(3) and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(4)(b); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 21st day of July 2023, as follows:

- 1. \$5,000.00 against Defendants, jointly and severally, for the Fraud Act violations alleged in the Complaint, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);
- 2. A \$1,000.00 Fraud Act surcharge against Neuhoff, individually, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1;
- 3. A \$1,000.00 Fraud Act surcharge against Eva, individually, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1;
- 4. Attorneys' fees in the amount of \$2,628.00 against Defendants, jointly and severally, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);
- 5. Cost of service in the amount of \$230.00 against Defendants, jointly and severally, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Order be served upon all parties within 7 days of the date of receipt.

This motion was:		/s/Edward M. Coleman, P.J.Ch. Retired and Temporarily Assigned on Recall
	Opposed	
X_	Unopposed	

Statement of Reasons Pursuant to R. 1:7-4

This matter arises out of a dispute between plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, and defendants, Joseph Neuhoff and Eva Logistics Solutiosn, LLC.

On October 22, 20221, plaintiff filed a complaint alleging defendants violated the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act. The summons and complaint were mailed to Defendant Eva on December 6, 2022. Defendant Neuhoff was served on December 20, 2022. Defendants failed to respond, and default was entered against Defendant Eva on January 12, 2023, and against Defendant Neuhoff on January 27, 2023. On July 5, 2023, plaintiff moved to enter final default judgment against defendants. This motion is unopposed.

Plaintiff filed a certification made by someone with personal knowledge of the matter. Plaintiff certifies defendant is not a minor or incompetent person. A certification of non-military service and a certification of service via regular and certified mail are provided. The court is satisfied with plaintiff's proofs. Plaintiff's motion to enter default judgment is granted pursuant to \underline{R} . 6:6-3(c).

Application is granted.

The proposed form of order has been modified with additional language added in bold face and/or other proposed provisions stricken.