

Defendant, James Stephens ("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") by making a written statement as part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy knowing that the statement contained false or misleading information concerning material facts, in violation of the Fraud Act.

Specifically, Defendant submitted claims to two different insurance companies for duplicative items that were allegedly stolen on different occasions, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1) and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(2); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this ___ day of ___ 2023, entered in the amount of \$14,565.00 against Defendant, and in favor of Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$10,000.00 in civil penalties for two violation of the Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$3,565.00 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 a copy of this Order be served upon all parties within _____ days of the date of receipt.

This motion was:

Opposed

Unopposed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Randall Corman", written over a horizontal line.

Hon. J. Randall Corman, JSC