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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - HUDSON COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. HUD-DC-006733-24

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN, )  
COMMISSIONER OF THE )  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF )  
BANKING AND INSURANCE, )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. )  
BRANDON B. CASTILLO, )  
Defendant. )

Civil Action

**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT  
BY DEFAULT**

**SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY  
PENALTIES**

**AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$8,852**

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

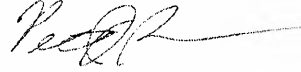
Defendant, Brandon B. Castillo ("Defendant"), having been duly served with a copy of the Summons and Complaint in the above-captioned action, and default having been entered for Defendant's failure to appear, answer, or otherwise, defend;

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 oral statements to an insurance company in support of a claim for payment or other benefit knowing the statements contained false or misleading information.

Specifically, Defendant falsely represented to an insurance company, in support of an insurance claim, that Defendant's vehicle had sustained damage due to vandalism on October 13, 2019, and that no damage was present prior to that date when, in fact, the damage existed prior to his application for automobile insurance on August 28, 2019, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1) and -4(a)(3); and

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this **14th** day of **February** 2025, entered in the amount of \$8,852 against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$5,000 in civil penalties for one (1) violation of the Fraud Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$2,852 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); and a statutory fraud surcharge of \$1,000 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 7 days of the date of receipt.



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Hon. Peter J. Baker, J.S.C.

This motion was:

       Opposed

  x   Unopposed

**GRANTED, pursuant to R. 6:6-3**