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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - ESSEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO. ESX-L-006999-24

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN,
COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
BANKING AND INSURANCE,

Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID I. CHATMAN, JR.

Defendant.

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**ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT
BY DEFAULT**

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the Application of Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey, (by William E. Vaughan, 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, David I. Chatman, Jr. ("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 knowingly making false statements in support of an automobile insurance claim for insurance benefits, in violation of the Fraud Act;

Specifically, Defendant made false representations to Progressive Garden State Insurance Company ("Progressive") that his vehicle was stolen, concealing that Defendant's vehicle was not stolen, in support of a claim for insurance benefits in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1) and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(3).

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this ~~12~~ ^{May} day of 2025, entered in the amount of \$9,500.00 against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of \$5,000.00 in civil penalties for one (1) 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 a copy of this Order be served upon all parties within 7 days of the date of receipt.

M. V. Tarantino
Hon. Mayra V. Tarantino, J.S.C.

This motion was:

☐ Opposed

☒ Unopposed