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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART - MIDDLESEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO. MID-DC-024996-24

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

Plaintiff,

V.

NATASHA JEFFERSON,

Defendant.

Civil Action

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 Richard E. Wegryn, Jr., 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, Natasha Jefferson ("Defendant"), having been duly served with a copy of the Summons and Complaint in the above-captioned action and default having been entered for 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"), specifically N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1) and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(3), by knowingly contacting Progressive Garden State Insurance Company ("Progressive") on January 7, 2021, to request that her deductible be lowered on her 2018 Audi S5 (the "Audi"), with a vehicle identification number ending in "4112," from \$2,000 to \$500, then in a claim for insurance benefits, falsely represented to Progressive that she was in an accident on January 19, 2021 (when the deductible was \$500), when in fact the accident occurred on or before January 6, 2021 (when the deductible was \$2,000);

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 10th day of October, 2025, entered in the amount of **\$8,500.00** against Defendant Natasha Jefferson and in favor of Plaintiff, Justin Zimmerman, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. This amount consists of: a \$2,500.00 civil penalty

for one violation of the Fraud Act, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); attorneys' fees of \$5,000.00, 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; and

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 7 days of the date of receipt.


HON. JEFFREY R. BROWN, J.S.C.

This motion was:

_____ Opposed

XXXXXXX Unopposed

MOTION TO ENTER JUDGMENT is hereby GRANTED as set forth above.

The Court reduced the civil penalty requested from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00, and the attorney's fees requested from \$9,060.00 to \$5,000.00.

Having reviewed the above motion, I find it to be meritorious on its face, and it is unopposed. Therefore, pursuant to R. 1:6-2, it is GRANTED substantially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers, except to the extent set forth above.