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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - OCEAN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. OCN-L-000798-25

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN,)	
COMMISSIONER OF THE)	<u>Civil Action</u>
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF)	
BANKING AND INSURANCE,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT
)	BY DEFAULT
v.)	
)	
SAMANTHA DEGRO AND SERGIO)	
DEGRO,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

THIS MATTER HAVING BEEN opened to the Court on the Application of Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General of New Jersey, (by Jessica Lugo, 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

3. \$5,000.00 against Samantha Degro and Sergio Degro, jointly and severally, for the Fraud Act violations alleged in Count 3 of the Complaint, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);

7. A \$1,000 Fraud Act surcharge against Samantha Degro, individually, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1;

8. A \$1,000 Fraud Act surcharge against Sergio Degro, individually, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1;

9. Attorneys' fees in the amount of \$3,500 against Defendants, jointly and severally, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);

10. Cost of service in the amount of \$75.00 against Samanatha Degro, individually, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);

11. Cost of service in the amount of \$40.00 against Sergio Degro, individually, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:6A-15, Defendant Sergio Degro'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. ANTHONY MERLINO, J.S.C.

This motion was:

_____ Opposed

X Unopposed

Defendants, Samantha Degro and Sergio Degro ("Defendants"), having been duly served with a copy of the Summons and Complaint 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, conspired to falsely represent on an application for automobile insurance and in support of an automobile insurance claim that they resided and garaged their vehicles in Whiting, New Jersey, when in fact, Defendants failed to disclosed that they resided and garaged their vehicles in Bayonne, New Jersey, in violation of the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act"), specifically in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1) and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(3), N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(4)(b), and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(b).

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this 24th day of October, 2025, for a total amount of \$20,615, allocated as follows:

1. \$5,000.00 against Samantha Degro, individually, for the Fraud Act violations alleged in Count 1 of the Complaint, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);
2. \$5,000.00 against Sergio, individually, for the Fraud Act violations alleged in Count 2 of the Complaint, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);