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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL CIVIL PART – GLOUCESTER COUNTY
DOCKET NO. GLO-DC-8047-25

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN,)	
COMMISSIONER OF THE)	<u>Civil Action</u>
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF)	
BANKING AND INSURANCE,)	ORDER FOR FINAL JUDGMENT BY
)	DEFAULT
Plaintiff,)	
)	SPECIAL CIVIL PART: STATUTORY
v.)	PENALTIES
)	
ROBERT B. FERRELL, JR.,)	AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY: \$9,500.00
)	
Defendant.)	

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, Robert B. Ferrell, 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 making false statements to State Farm Fire and Casualty Company ("State Farm") that his property experienced property damage from a fire of unknown origin, when, in fact, Defendant intentionally set fire to his own property, all in support of a claim for insurance benefits, in violation of the Fraud Act;

Specifically, Defendant, by falsely representing to State Farm that the origin of the fire on his premises was unknown and that someone other than Defendant must have set the fire, concealing that Defendant set fire to the premises, all in support of payment of a first party claim pursuant to an insurance policy, knowing that the statements contained false or misleading information concerning any fact or thing material to the claim, violated N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(1) and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(3).

FINAL JUDGMENT is on this ^{8th} January 2026 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:

- a. \$5,000.00 in civil penalties for one (1) violation of the Fraud Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b);
- b. attorneys' fees of \$3,500.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(b); and
- c. a statutory fraud surcharge of \$1,000.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-26, Defendant is to pay \$11,881.78 in restitution to State Farm; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Order be served upon all parties within 7 days of the date of receipt.

/s/ Timothy W. Chell, P.J.Cv.
Timothy W. Chell, P.J.Cv. ~~J.S.C.~~

This motion was:

Opposed

Unopposed