STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE

20C-179N



CONSENT ORDER NO. 19-51972-31

In the Matter of)	CONSENT ORDER
Winston Arias)	
619 Elm St., Apt. #2L)	
Kearny, NJ 07032)	
Respondent.)	

THIS MATTER having been opened by the Bureau of Fraud Deterrence, Department of Banking and Insurance of the State of New Jersey, upon information indicating that Respondent, Winston Arias, currently residing at 619 Elm Street, Apt. #2L, Kearny, New Jersey, may have violated the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Winston Arias, knowingly concealed relevant information from Progressive Insurance Company on a Coverage Change Request dated April 5, 2019. Specifically, Mr. Arias added his son and a vehicle, stating that his son lived and garaged the vehicle at his home address in Kearny, New Jersey, when in fact his son lived and the vehicle was garaged in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, the above conduct constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 et seq., and any future violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 et seq., shall be considered to be a second offense; and

WHEREAS, Respondent has been informed that he has a right to notice and to request a hearing, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.), on the violation alleged herein before a civil and administrative penalty is imposed; and

WHEREAS, Respondent understands these rights and has voluntarily waived the right to notice and to a formal legal proceeding in this matter; and

WHEREAS, Respondent consents to pay a civil administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00, and surcharge in the amount of \$125.00, the total amount of \$2,625.00 being due immediately by certified check, bank check or money order made payable to the

"Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance". This signed order and the payment shall be returned to Managing Investigator, Ronald Dellanno, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence, Department of Banking and Insurance, One Apollo Drive, Whippany, New Jersey 07981; and

WHEREAS, the penalties of this Consent Order are imposed pursuant to the police powers of the State of New Jersey for the enforcement of the law and the protection of the public health, safety and welfare, and are not intended to constitute debts which may be limited or discharged in a bankruptcy proceeding; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the matter is suitable for resolution upon the consent of the parties and that Respondent and the Bureau of Fraud Deterrence desire to terminate this matter without further hearing or litigation, and for further good cause appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS _______ _day of Getober, 2020 ORDERED AND AGREED as follows:

- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(c), civil administrative penalty of \$2,500.00 is 1. imposed on Respondent, Winston Arias.
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1, Respondent shall pay to the Commissioner, 2. Department of Banking and Insurance, a surcharge equal to five (5%) percent of the settlement amount, which is \$125.00, such amount to be in addition to the civil administrative penalty.
- This Consent Order shall not be binding until it is signed by the Chief of 3. Investigations, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence.
- Respondent consents to the entry of this final administrative order. Respondent 4. understands that this final administrative order may be docketed with the Clerk of the Superior Court as provided in the Penalty Enforcement Law (N.J.S.A. 2A:58-1 et seq.).

MARLENE CARIDE COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS

BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE

CONSENTED TO AS TO FORM, CONTENT

AND ENTRY OF ORDER:

Winston Arias, Respondent