STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE



CONSENT ORDER NO. 17-53996-33

In the Matter of Wanda Berry)	CONSENT ORDER
Jersey City, NJ 07305)	
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, Wanda Berry, currently residing at 207 Lembeck Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07305, may have violated the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Wanda Berry, did knowingly provide materially false information on May 19, 2015 to New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company, specifically, by stating her mother was alive and in a nursing home, when in fact, she knew she was deceased; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Wanda Berry, dld knowingly provide materially false information on May 22, 2015 to New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company, specifically, by stating her mother was alive and under physician's care, when in fact, she knew she was deceased; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Wanda Berry, did knowingly provide materially false information on March 9, 2016 to New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company, specifically, by stating her mother was alive and under physician's care, when in fact, she knew she was deceased; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Wanda Berry, did knowingly provide materially false information on March 14, 2016 to New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company, specifically, by stating her mother was alive and living with her and had hospice care, when in fact, she knew she was deceased; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Wanda Berry, did knowingly provide materially false information on March 17, 2016 to New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company, specifically, by stating her mother was alive and under physician's care, when in fact, she knew she was deceased; 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 she 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 \$2,800.00, and surcharge in the amount of \$140.00, the total amount of \$2,940.00 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 Supervising Investigator, Lauren Rule, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence, Department of Banking and Insurance, PO Box 326, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; 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 1274 day of Decuty 2018 ORDERED AND AGREED as follows:

- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(c), civil administrative penalty of \$2,800.00 is 1. imposed on Respondent, Wanda Berry.
- 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 \$140.00, such amount to be in addition to the civil administrative penalty.
- 3. This Consent Order shall not be binding until it is signed by the Chief of 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

RICHARD BESSER CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE

CONSENTED TO AS TO FORM, CONTENT

AND ENTRY OF ORDER:

Wanda Berry, Respondent

Dated:___ 11-29-18