

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE 21C-027N
BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE



CONSENT ORDER NO. 19-54594-04

In the Matter of)	CONSENT ORDER
Chris E. Thomas)	
92 Fernia Drive)	
Randolph, NJ 07869)	
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, Chris E. Thomas, currently residing at 92 Fernia Drive, Randolph, New Jersey, may have violated the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Chris E. Thomas, knowingly provided false and misleading information to the Progressive Group of Insurance Companies in support of an automobile claim. Specifically, Mr. Thomas added glass coverage to the policy on November 1, 2019 and then submitted a claim indicating that his vehicle sustained glass damage on November 7, 2019, when in fact, the damage occurred prior to the effective date of the additional coverage; 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 \$2,000.00, and surcharge in the amount of \$100.00, the total amount of \$2,100.00 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 26th day of ~~February~~, 2021,

ORDERED AND AGREED as follows: 9th RB March 2021 RB

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(c), civil administrative penalty of \$2,000.00 is imposed on Respondent, Chris E. Thomas.
2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1, Respondent shall pay to the Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance, a surcharge equal to five (5%) percent of the settlement amount, which is \$100.00, such amount to be in addition to the civil administrative penalty.
3. Respondent consents to the entry of this final administrative order. Respondent 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:58-10 et seq.).
4. This Consent Order shall not be binding until it is signed by the Chief of Investigations, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence.
5. This Consent Order may be used against Respondent in any civil or administrative proceeding related to a violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 et seq., including a license suspension or revocation proceeding.

6. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-10(c), a copy of this Consent Order shall be provided to the appropriate licensing authority.

MARLENE CARIDE
COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

By: Richard Besser
RICHARD BESSER
CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS
BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE

CONSENTED TO AS TO FORM, CONTENT
AND ENTRY OF ORDER:

Chris Thomas
Chris E. Thomas, Respondent

Dated: 2/26/21