## STATE OF NEW JERSEY <br> DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

## IN THE MATTER OF:

Proceedings by the Commissioner of Banking ) and Insurance, State of New Jersey, to fine ) Lil Rodriguez, Reference No. 1301081 )

To: Lil Ninoska Rodriguez<br>1043 W Maple ST<br>Allentown, PA 18102

This matter, having been opened by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance ("Commissioner"), State of New Jersey, upon information that Lil Ninoska Rodriguez("Respondent"), previously licensed as a nonresident individual insurance producer, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-34(a) may have violated various insurance laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Respondent is subject to the New Jersey Insurance Producer Licensing Act of 2001, N.J.S.A. 17:22A-26 to -48 (the "Producer Act"), the regulations governing Insurance Producer Standards of Conduct, N.J.A.C. 11:17A-1.1 to 11:17D-2.8 and the New Jersey Insurance Fraud Prevention Act, N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 to -30 ("Fraud Act"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40(a), the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew an insurance producer's license, and may levy a civil penalty for a violation of the Producer Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40(a)(2), an insurance producer shall not violate any insurance law, regulation, subpoena or order of the Commissioner or of another state's insurance regulator; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40(a)(5), an insurance producer shall not Intentionally misrepresent the terms of an actual or proposed insurance contract, policy, or application for insurance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40(a)(7), an insurance producer shall not have admitted to or been found to have committed any insurance unfair trade practice or fraud; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40(a)(8), an insurance producer shall not use fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrate incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of insurance business in this State or elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40(a)(10), an insurance producer shall not forge another's name to an application for insurance or to any document related to an insurance transaction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40(a)(16), an insurance producer shall not commit any fraudulent act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:17A-4.2, an insurance producer who takes an application for insurance shall be required to witness the signature of the prospective insured on the application prior to the submission of the application to the insurer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(4)(b), no person shall prepare or make any written or oral statement, intended to be presented to any insurance company or producer for the purpose of obtaining an insurance policy, knowing that the statement contains any false or misleading information concerning any fact or thing material to an insurance application or contract; and

WHEREAS, on April 07, 2021, Respondent submitted a life insurance application to State Farm Insurance Company for L.A.; and

WHEREAS, Respondent submitted the application for L.A. bearing a forged signature, knowing L.A. did not sign the application, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40(a)(2), (5), (7), (8), (10) and (16), N.J.A.C. 11:17A-4.2 and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4(a)(4)(b); and

IT FURTHER APPEARING, that the Respondent:

1) Has admitted responsibility for the aforementioned violations.
2) Has cooperated with the investigation conducted by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance ("Department"); and

WHEREAS cause does exist under N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40(a), N.J.S.A. 17:22A-45(c), and N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(c) for the imposition of a civil penalty for the aforementioned violation of the insurance laws of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Respondent has waived her right to a hearing on the aforementioned violation and consents to imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of five thousand dollars ( $\$ 5,000.00$ ) for violations of the Producer Act and payment of a fine in the amount of two thousand dollars $(\$ 2,000.00)$ for violations of the Fraud Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1, Respondent shall pay a statutory insurance surcharge of $\$ 100.00$; and

WHEREAS, this matter should be resolved upon the consent of the parties without resort to a formal hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS on this 20 day of April ,2023
ORDERED AND AGREED, that the Respondent shall pay a civil penalty totaling $\$ 7,100.00$; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that said fine shall be paid by certified check, cashier's check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey, General Treasury," which shall be paid upon execution of this Consent Order by Respondent; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED that the signed Consent Order, together with the fine payment of $\$ 7,100.00$, shall be remitted to:

New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance<br>Attention: Virgil Dowtin- Chief of Investigations<br>$9^{\text {th }}$ Floor, Consumer Protection Services, Enforcement<br>P.O. Box 329<br>Trenton, New Jersey 08625

and
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that in the event full payment of the civil penalty is not made in accordance with this Order, the Commissioner may exercise any and all remedies available by law, including but not limited to, recovery of any unpaid penalties in summary proceedings, in accordance with the penalty enforcement law, N.J.S.A. 2A:58-10 to 12; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that the provisions of this Consent Order represent a final agency decision and constitute a final resolution of the violations contained herein; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that the Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the conduct that gave rise to this Consent Order.

Consented to as to Form,


Marlene Caride
Commissioner

Date:


