

23L-4695

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



**CONSENT ORDER NO. 23-53885-04**

In the Matter of	)	<b>CONSENT ORDER</b>
Harish Kumar	)	
68 Haddon Avenue	)	
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026	)	
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, Harish Kumar, currently residing at 68 Haddon Avenue, Gibbsboro, New Jersey 08026, may have violated the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Harish Kumar, did knowingly make material misrepresentations to the Progressive Group of Insurance Companies/Drive New Jersey on August 16, 2023, during a First Notice of Loss, and in a subsequent recorded statement on August 18, 2023, in support of an automobile property damage claim. Specifically, Respondent misrepresented the factual date of loss knowing the damage had occurred prior to policy inception; 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 "Acting Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance". This signed order and the payment shall

be returned to Managing Investigator, Michelle Moffett, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence, Department of Banking and Insurance, Five Executive Campus, Suite 205, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002; 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 16th day of January, 2024,

ORDERED AND AGREED as follows:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(c), civil administrative penalty of \$2,500.00 is imposed on Respondent, Harish Kumar.

2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1, Respondent shall pay to the Acting Commissioner, 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.

3. This Consent Order shall not be binding until it is signed by the Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence.

4. 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:58-1 et seq.).

JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN  
ACTING COMMISSIONER  
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

By: Richard Besser  
RICHARD BESSER  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE

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

Harish Kumar  
Harish Kumar, Respondent

Dated: 1/16/24