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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF NEVADA

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FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF OREGON, an Oregon corporation

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRAD HOPKINS, a Nevada resident; DOES I through X, inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Defendants.

On February 15, 2012, Plaintiff Farmers Insurance Company of Oregon ("Farmers") filed a motion for default judgment. *See* Doc. # 12. Defendant Brad Hopkins did not oppose. This Court, having considered the pleadings and papers on file, hereby GRANTS the motion and enters default judgment in favor of Farmer's as set forth below.

I. FACTS

On 01/19/2010, Farmers filed a complaint against defendant Brad Hopkins seeking declaratory judgment with respect to a personal automobile policy (policy #0179030476) that Farmers issued to Mr. Hopkins (hereinafter, the Policy). The Policy's period was August 15, 2008 to February 15, 2009. The Policy provided personal automobile coverage to Mr. Hopkins subject to the Policy's terms, conditions, limitations, definitions, exclusions, and restrictions. The limits of the Policy were \$50,000/100,000 for bodily injury, \$50,000 for property damage, and \$50,000 for uninsured/underinsured motorist ("UM/UIM") coverage.

- 02. Mr. Hopkins was served on April 7, 2010. See Doc. # 5 at pg. 2.
- On May 17, 2010, Mr. Hopkins moved to dismiss Farmer's complaint. See Doc. #
- 04. Mr. Hopkin's motion to dismiss was denied on May 3, 2011. See Doc. # 6 (termination date noted).
- 05. Since the denial of his motion to dismiss, Mr. Hopkins has not answered Farmer's complaint.
- 06. On February 13, 2012, Farmer's faxed to Mr. Hopkins' counsel a correspondence requesting that Mr. Hopkins file an answer by 9 a.m. on February 15, 2012. *See* Exhibit A to Farmer's Motion. Mr. Hopkins did not answer or respond.

II. <u>LEGAL FINDINGS</u>

FRCP 55(a) provides, "[w]hen a party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought has failed to plead or otherwise defend, and that failure is shown by affidavit or otherwise, the clerk must enter the party's default." Pursuant to Rule 55(a), Farmers has satisfactorily demonstrated Mr. Hopkins failed to answer and defend this lawsuit.

III. CONCLUSION

Pursuant to FRCP 55, this Court hereby GRANTS Farmer's motion and hereby directs the clerk to enters default judgment in favor of Farmer's. As requested in Farmer's motion, this Court hereby orders, adjudicates, and decrees that 1) Farmers has fulfilled its obligations to Mr. Hopkins under the Policy; 2) Farmers owes no further contractual obligations to Mr. Hopkins arising out of the Policy; 3) the Chrysler bankruptcy bars any claim for damages Mr. Hopkins may assert related to the preservation of the subject vehicle; and 4) any contractual obligations owed by Farmers to Mr. Hopkins, if any, are not based upon the insurer-insured relationship created by the Policy.

ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED this 11th day of September, 2012.

Gloria M. Navarro

United States District Judge

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