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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Judgment Creditor,

v.

EMMANUEL O. ASARE and SPRINGFIELD MEDICAL AESTHETIC PC,

Judgment Debtors.

15 CV 3556 (AT)

**ORDER IMPOSING 10% SURCHARGE ON DEBT** 

WHEREAS this Court entered judgment against judgment debtors Emmanuel O. Asare and Springfield Medical Aesthetic PC (together, the "judgment debtors") in the principal sum of \$390,000.00 on August 5, 2020;

WHEREAS the judgment debtors failed to pay the judgment debt upon demand;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Federal Debt Collection Procedure Act ("FDCPA"), 28 U.S.C. § 3205, the United States sought, obtained, and served a writ of garnishment on TD Bank, N.A. for substantial nonexempt property belonging to or due to the judgment debtors;

WHEREAS the garnishment proceeding resulted in a final order of garnishment;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 3011(a), the United States is entitled to recover a surcharge of 10 percent of the amount of the debt in connection with the recovery of the debt, to cover the cost of processing and handling the litigation and enforcement of the claim for such debt; and

WHEREAS the outstanding principal balance of the judgment debt at the time of the application for a writ of garnishment was \$386,418.80; therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a 10% litigation surcharge in the amount of \$38,641.88 is assessed and added to the judgment debt, for which the judgment debtors shall be jointly and

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severally liable. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 3011(a); 3202; 3205; Board of Governors of Fed. Reserve Sys. v. Pharaon, 169 F.3d 110, 114 (2d Cir. 1999) (affirming surcharge upon use of FDCPA remedy to recover a debt to the United States).

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Dated: New York, New York October 13, 2022

> ANALISA TORRES UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE