

**RULING****Massachusetts State Racing Commission****PLAINRIDGE PARK, MA - US****NAME:** Michael S Graffam**USTA No:** 0928T3**YEAR OF BIRTH:** 1963**STATE LIC ID:** 29078**RULING NO.:** 062-24**USTA REF #:** 1-9LO-5C3Y **ACTION DATE:** 8/15/2024 **INFRACTION DATE:** 7/18/2024**REASON CODE:** PTH1

Positive test- post race

STATE: MA - US**RACE NO:** 11**FINISH:** 1**HORSE:** HAPPY HOOLIGAN (No: 2M0572 - Gender: G - YOF: 2014 - NOBLE VENTURE - SASSY CATHY - DONERAIL)**PHARMACEUTICALS**

Ketamine (Class 2, Ketalar, Ketaset, Vetalar)

PENALTY DESCRIPTION

Fined: \$500, Suspended: Full - 15 days, 8/17/2024 thru 8/31/2024, Horse Disqualified, Purse Redistribution

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mass 205 CMR 3.11 (16), 3.21 (7), 329 (1)(f), 3.29 (2)(e). On 07/31/2024 Industrial Labs reported to the Massachusetts Gaming /Racing Division the Post Race Test result of Blood Sample E523489, collected from the horse HAPPY HOOLIGAN on 7/18/2024 in Race 11 at Plainridge Park Race Course and finished 1st. It revealed the presence Of Ketamine confirmed in the blood. Ketamine is a Class 2B drug. This was Mr. Graffam's 2nd drug violation within a 365 day period. Trainer Michael Graffam was notified on 8/5/2024 and subsequently waived his right to a split sample. On 8/12/2024 a hearing was conducted. As a result Mr. Graffam is hereby fully suspended for a period of 15 days beginning 8/17/2024 through and including 08/31/2024. In addition Mr. Graffam is fined the sum of \$500.00. The horse HAPPY HOOLIGAN finished 1st and is disqualified. The purse monies won, or \$4,000.00 is hereby ordered forfeited and returned for redistribution. Both mitigating and aggravating factors were considered in rendering this decision. The fine is due within 48 hours of imposition. The purse monies forfeited or \$4,000.00 is payable within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Graffam has 10 days from the date of ruling to appeal this decision.

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Michael S Graffam