

**RULING****Massachusetts State Racing Commission****PLAINRIDGE PARK, MA - US****NAME:** Vartan M Krikorian**USTA No:** 108K09**YEAR OF BIRTH:** 1977**STATE LIC ID:** 27856**RULING NO.:** 066-23**USTA REF #:** 1-75TY-5962 **ACTION DATE:** 7/20/2023 **INFRACTION DATE:** 6/26/2023**REASON CODE:** PTH1

Positive test- post race

**STATE:** MA - US**RACE NO:** 11**FINISH:** 1**HORSE:** NORTHERN SULTAN (No: 8RM055 - Gender: G - YOF: 2017 - ROYALTY FOR LIFE - DOVER MISS - ANDOVER HALL)**PHARMACEUTICALS**

Methocarbamol (Class 4, Robaxin)

**PENALTY DESCRIPTION**

Fined: \$1,000, Horse Disqualified, Purse Redistribution

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

205 CMR 3.29. On 06/11/2023 Industrial Labs reported to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission/Racing Division the Post Race result of Blood Sample E545691. This sample was collected from the horse NORTHERN SULTAN on 06/26/2023 who competed in Race 11 at Plainridge Park Racecourse and finished 1st. The sample revealed the presence of Methocarbamol, confirmed in the blood at 5.47 ng/mL. The measure uncertainty is 0.5 ng/mL at the threshold of 1 ng/mL. Trainer of record Vartan Krikorian waived his right to a split sample and a hearing was conducted on 07/18/2023. As a result trainer Vartan Krikorian is hereby fined the sum of \$1,000.00 in addition to loss of purse which is the sum of \$4,000.00. All monies forfeited must be returned within 10 days of ruling. The fine must be paid by Monday 07/24/2023.

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