

**RULING****Massachusetts State Racing Commission****PLAINRIDGE PARK, MA - US****NAME:** Vartan M Krikorian**USTA No:** 108K09**YEAR OF BIRTH:** 1977**STATE LIC ID:** 29093**RULING NO.:** 122-24**USTA REF #:** 1-75TY-5CTY **ACTION DATE:** 11/11/2024 **INFRACTION DATE:** 10/18/2024**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: \$1,500, Suspended: Full - 15 days, 11/11/2024 thru 11/25/2024, Horse Disqualified, Purse Redistribution

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

205 CMR 3.29 (a)(b). On 10/18/2024 at PRC, Industrial Labs reported to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission/Racing Division the post race test result of blood Sample E711079 collected on 10/18/2024 from the horse NORTHERN SULTAN in Race 11 at Plainridge Park and finished 1st. The report revealed the presence of Methocarbamol confirmed in blood at 3.15 ng/mL. The measurement uncertainty of the method is 0.15 ng/mL at the threshold of 1 ng/mL. Trainer Vartan Krikorian was notified on 11/05/2024 and on 11/08/2024 waived his right to both a split sample and a formal hearing. This was Mr. Krikorian's 2nd medication violation within a 365 day period. As a result of the violation Mr. Krikorian is hereby fined the sum of \$1,500. He is hereby served a full suspension for a period of 15 days beginning 11/11/2024 through and including 11/25/2024. In addition the horse NORTHERN SULTAN finished 1st and is disqualified. The purse monies won or \$5,000.00 are hereby ordered forfeited and returned for redistribution. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition. The purse forfeited of \$5,000.00 is to be returned by 11/18/2024.

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