

MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

SUFFOLK DOWNS BOARD OF STEWARDS

DATE: December 19, 2018

NO: 2018 - SUF -022

Upon receipt of a report from Industrial Laboratories on September 28, 2018 that the blood sample #E275435 taken from the horse Eighth Commandment which finished second in the tenth race on September 15, 2018 at Suffolk Downs was found to contain Betamethasone at a level of 26 +/- 3 pg/mL, the Suffolk Downs Board of Stewards notified the horse's trainer Michael Aro (DOB [REDACTED] MGC License #138994) of Atkinson NH of his alleged violation of 205 CMR MGC Rules 4:35 (10,11), 4:36 (9) and 4:52 (1)(2). Mr. Aro also requested a split sample, which was confirmed by the AFTL laboratory on December 10, 2018 at a level of 24 +/- 4 pg/mL.

Trainer Michael Aro requested a summary hearing before the Suffolk Downs Board of Stewards which was held on December 19, 2018. The Suffolk Downs Board of Stewards fined Mr. Aro the sum of \$500 (five hundred dollars).


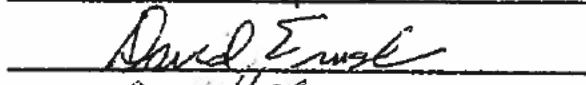
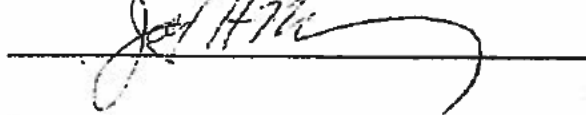
The horse Eighth Commandment is hereby disqualified and placed last. The new order of finish is: 1st Diablo's Darling, 2nd Echale Salsita, 3rd Whogoosedthemoose, 4th Eyerish Inspired, 5th Floria Tosca, 6th Afleet's Dividend, 7th Pound of Hundreds, 8th Sweet Madea, 9th Simply Belonging, 10th Eighth Commandment.

In accordance with Rule 205, CMR 4:12 (4) all fines shall be paid to the Gaming Commission within forty-eight hours after imposition.

Payment of fines and commencement of suspension may only be Stayed with the express permission of the Chairman of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

In accordance with Rule 205, CMR 4.03, an appeal must be filed in writing at the Office of the Gaming Commission within ten days of the date of said ruling.

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Transmission to ARCI

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