

**STATE OF ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF GAMING
RACING DIVISION**

In the Matter of)

ROJELIO VALDEZ RONQUILLO,)
License No. 11878,)

Respondent.)

Case No. 18A-003-DOR

NOTICE OF HEARING

DIRECTED TO:

Rojelio Valdez Ronquillo
14000 N San Pedro Rd
Benson, AZ 85602

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R19-2-123(A)(4), the Director ("Director") of the Division of Racing ("Division") will conduct a hearing at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 17, 2018, to determine whether the Director will take further disciplinary action against the above-named licensee. The hearing will take place in the conference room of the Arizona Department of Gaming located at 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 450, Phoenix, Arizona.

You may appear with or without the assistance of an attorney on the date and at the time and place specified in this Notice of Hearing. You may present testimony and argument in support of your positions with respect to further disciplinary consequences for failure to pay civil penalties imposed by Turf Paradise Board of Stewards' Ruling # 16-17TP119.

In Stewards' Ruling # 16-17TP119, you received a 180-day suspension, beginning May 1, 2017 through and including October 28, 2017, and you were fined a total amount of \$2,625.00, including the Race Horse Retirement Fund ("RHRF") surcharge, because the drug benzoylecgonine (the major metabolite of cocaine) was confirmed in "BLACK OPS," a racehorse under your care as a trainer/owner. In addition, "BLACK OPS" was disqualified in the eighth race at Rillito Park Race Course on March 12, 2017. You did not appeal Ruling #16-17TP119.

Failing to satisfy the fine by May 10, 2017, resulted in your license being suspended by the Stewards for 180 calendar days, May 11, 2017 through and including November 7, 2017,

1 and the matter being referred to the Director for further action, including the recommendation
2 that your license remain suspended until the fine is satisfied. In a final attempt to collect the
3 fines due, the Department mailed a letter on May 19, 2017 to your address on file, informing
4 you of the suspension, acceptable methods of payment and a date by which the fine could be
5 paid to avoid further action. According to the United State Postal Service, the letter was
6 “delivered with individual on May 30, 2017”. The fine remains outstanding.

7 Failing to pay a fine constitutes a violation of A.R.S. § 5-108(A)(1)(b) (lack of moral
8 character), (c) and (g) (violation of the racing laws and regulations of this state), and (h)
9 (denial of a license in the interest of safety, welfare, economy, health, and peace of the people
10 of Arizona); and A.A.C. R19-2-121(E)(6)(k) (failure to pay a civil penalty imposed by the
11 stewards). In accordance with A.A.C. R19-2-104(D) and (H)(6)(c), A.A.C. R19-2-121(E),
12 A.A.C. R19-2-123, and A.R.S. §§ 5-101(29), 5-108(A)(4) and 5-108.05(A), these violations
13 constitute (1) grounds to declare you as an "undesirable" who should be ruled-off from
14 racetrack enclosures or (2) grounds for imposition of an additional civil penalty, suspension or
15 revocation of your racing license, or refusal to reissue or renew your license.

16 You may also present testimony and argument as to why your conduct does not
17 constitute a violation of the above-stated laws and regulations, whether you willfully violated
18 the statutes and rules governing the Department, and whether you should, in the best interest of
19 the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State, retain your Arizona Trainers license.

20 **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that if you fail to appear, the Director may
21 proceed and determine the matter in your absence pursuant to A.A.C. R19-2-123(D)(2).

22 Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.06(A), you have the right to request an informal
23 settlement conference by filing a written request with the Division no later than twenty (20)
24 days before the scheduled hearing. The conference will be held within fifteen (15) days after
25 receipt of your request. Please note that you waive any right to object to the participation of
26 the Division’s representative in the final administrative decision of the matter if it is not settled
27 at the conference.

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1 In accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Division
2 does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to and participation in hearings.
3 Should you, or anyone you call as a witness need special accommodations, please contact
4 Cassie Goodwin at (602) 255-3876 at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

5 DATED this 15th day of November, 2017

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8 RUDY CASILLAS
9 DIRECTOR RACING DIVISION

10 A copy of the foregoing Notice served by CERTIFIED MAIL this 15th day of November, 2017
11 upon:

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13 14000 N. San Perdo Rd.
14 Benson, AZ 85602
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16 A copy HAND-DELIVERED to:

17 Deanie Reh
18 Assistant Attorney General
19 15 S. 15th Ave.
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21 Turf Paradise Board of Stewards

22 By  _____

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