



# TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY

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## MEDIA RELEASE

The Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority hereby advises of decisions taken at its meeting held on Tuesday November 05, 2013

1. ***Enquiry into circumstances which led to the mix up in the identification of horses 'ON REFLECTION and ITSONLYMONEY in Race 6 – Day 33 – October 05, 2013***

The Board after hearing the evidence of Mr. Shaffique Khan, Trainer of 'ON REFLECTION and ITSONLYMONEY', Mr. Hugh Lee King Owner / Breeder of both horses and proprietor of La Concepcion Stud and Dr. Shivana Beharry the Official Veterinarian found that there was no malafides on the part of anyone. In addition, the Board realized that the mistaken identity situation arose when the mix up in the euthanasiation took place on the farm.

However, it was realized that there has been a breakdown in several policies including that of the system in place for horses entering the paddock. The Board found no reason to take any disciplinary action in the matter.

The Board has also directed the Arima Race Club to ensure that a proper system for the identification of horses entering the paddock and the microchipping of all registered horses to be instituted

2. ***Request by Apprentice Shawn Samuel to lift the suspension imposed on him of five (5) additional racedays by the Authority.***

The Board after considering Mr. Samuel's plea did not agree to lift the suspension which will therefore continue until the end of November, 2013

3. Trainer Christopher Prime Re: Outstanding costs to the Authority awarded in the high court matter CV 2009 – 4166

The Board having interviewed Mr. Prime in connection with his failure to honour the debt for the past three years heard the reasons given for not repaying same found these unacceptable.

As such, the Board has agreed that should Mr. Prime fail to honour the full amount of the award plus interest accrued to date, his licence as a racehorse trainer will be withdrawn with effect from Monday November 11, 2013.

David Loregnard  
Secretary

November 7, 2013