

MEDIA RELEASE

The Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority hereby advises of decision(s) taken at its meeting held on Tuesday September 6th, 2016;

1. ENQUIRY INTO THE FINDING OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE STANOZOLOL IN THE SAMPLES OF EQUINE BLOOD TAKEN FROM 'DESERT DANCER' - 2ND PLACE FINISHER IN RACE 3/DAY 14 HELD ON SATURDAY 23RD APRIL, 2016 AND 2ND PLACE FINISHER IN RACE 9/DAY 15 HELD ON SATURDAY 30TH APRIL, 2016

Having given due consideration to the evidence of Mr. O'Brien (Trainer), and that of Mr. Wilson Neville Adonis (Groom), the Board found O'Brien to be in breach of Rule Nos. 62 (8), 63 (1), 102 (1) and 102(2)(B) of the Rules of Racing.

Therefore, pursuant to Rule Nos. 62(8) and 100 B(4) of the Rules of Racing, the Board has decided to fine Mr. O'Brien the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), impose a loss of purse in both races and suspend him for a period of three (3) months with effect from Saturday 17th September, 2016.

In addition, and in accordance with Rule 100(B)(4) and 31(3) of the Rules of Racing, '**DESERT DANCER**' has been disqualified from second place in both races - Race 3/Day 14 held on Saturday 23rd April, 2016 and in Race 9/Day 15 held on Saturday 30th April, 2016.

The revised results for the races in question are as follows:

<u>RACE 3/DAY 14</u> <u>SATURDAY 23RD APRIL, 2016</u>	<u>RACE 9/DAY 15</u> <u>SATURDAY 30TH APRIL, 2016</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. TRINI NAVIGATOR (USA)2. TAKEONEFORJOEY (USA)3. REGGAE RHYTHM (USA)4. WHISPER LIGHT (USA)5. DESERT DANCER	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MINT CONDITION2. FAST'N'FURIOUS3. SARAGON4. GORANDSWEEP5. WITH ANTICIPATION6. BLUE BOY

2. ENQUIRY HELD INTO A MATTER REFERRED TO THE AUTHORITY BY THE STEWARDS OF THE ARIMA RACE CLUB WHICH EMANATED OUT OF REPORTS OF AN INCIDENT IN WHICH MR. KERRON KHELAWAN (JOCKEY) ENGAGED IN DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON RACE DAY 26 - SATURDAY 23RD JULY, 2016.

The Board, having given due consideration to various reports received and to the evidence submitted by Mr. Khelawan, determined that by his own admission, Mr. Khelawan was guilty of improper behavior and was in breach of Rule 69 (2) of the Rules of Racing.

Accordingly, the Board has decided to suspend Mr. Khelawan from race riding for six (6) consecutive race days effective from September 17th 2016

NADINE CARTER
ASST. SECRETARY

September 13, 2016