

MEDIA RELEASE

The Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority hereby advises of decisions taken at its meeting held on Tuesday January 30th 2018:

1. **Inquiry into the finding of "BETAMETHASONE"** at a concentration greater than the established threshold of **10 picograms per millilitre of plasma/serum** for this substance, in the sample of equine blood No. **0103940** taken from **"BIGMAN IN TOWN"**, **second place in Race 9/Day 38** of the 2017 Racing Season held on Tuesday December 26th, 2017.

Having given due consideration to evidence by Trainer Bobby Persad and that of Dr. Phillip Martin (Private Veterinarian), Dr. Roger D'Abadie (Private Veterinarian) and Mr. Baskaran Bassawh (Owner), the Board has found Trainer Persad to be in breach of **Rule Nos. 62(8), 63(1) and 102(1) (d)** 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 Persad a sum of Five Hundred Dollars (TT\$500.00), disqualify the horse from 2nd place (loss of purse) and suspend his Trainer's licence for a period of one (1) calendar month, from February 5th to March 6th, 2018.**

In accordance with Rule 100 (B)(4) and 31(3) of the Rules of Racing, **'BIGMAN IN TOWN'**, has been disqualified from 2nd place in accordance with **Rule Nos. 100 (B)(4) and 31(3)** of the Rules of Racing and the revised results of the race in question are as follows:

RACE 9/DAY 38 – TUESDAY DECEMBER 26TH 2017

1. **THISONESFORRON (CAN)**
2. **STOCKYARD (USA)**
3. **BUFFALO SOLDIER (USA)**
4. **CONQUEST BESPOKE (USA)**
5. **ROCK IN PEACE (IRE)**
6. **WHISPER LIGHT (USA)**

The Board has agreed that effective January 31st 2018, **"BIGMAN IN TOWN"**'s suspension would be lifted.

JOSETTE MC DAVID
SECRETARY
JANUARY 31ST 2018