



New Mexico Racing Commission  
4900 Alameda NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2023-DAA-56**  
Track: Downs at Albuquerque  
Ruling Date: 10/18/2023

Licensee: **ASCENCIO, JR ARNULFO**  
License Type: 2020 3 Year Owner      Applicant Id: 23046  
License Number: 300143

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Action Type:      Final Outcome  
Ruling:

Owner **Arnulfo Ascencio Jr** having been duly notified and having failed appear, had his hearing held in absentia, in accordance with 15.2.1.9(B)(4)(d) non-appearance, before the Board of Stewards at Sunland Park Racetrack(1200 Futurity Drive, Sunland Park NM 88063)

The hearing was in regard to a **certificate of analysis** from **Industrial Laboratories** (official testing laboratory for the NMRC) for a confirmed positive for the controlled substance and prohibited drug (class 3 penalty A) "clenbuterol" detected in the Blood of horse "**Work Ethic**" (**Test Sample #: E625947**), who **finished 2nd place in the 4th race on September 27, 2023, at the Downs at Albuquerque.** The drug clenbuterol was confirmed in the blood of the split sample sent to **UC Davis.**

**Arnulfo Ascencio Jr** , the trainer of record for horse "**Work Ethic**" Owner **Arnulfo Ascencio Jr** . This is **Arnulfo Ascencio Jr FIRST Class 3A medication violation in a 365-day period.**

**For Arnulfo Ascencio Jr FIRST Class 3A medication violation in a 365-day period, the Board of Stewards hereby assess a penalty, issued in accordance with 15.2.6.9 (B)(2) Penalty**

**Recommendations, as follows:**

Pursuant to rules 15.2.3.8 (B)(9)(a)(e)Stewards List, 15.2.6.9(C)(8)(c) Positive Test Report, 15.2.6.9(C)(9) Positive Test List, 15.2.6.9(C)(10)(a-d)List Removal Requirements, the horse "**Work Ethic** is placed on the Veterinary list for a period of 180 days (beginning **October 18, 2023 through April 18, 2024**). During this period, the papers are to be removed from the racing office and horse is denied entry until he passes a commission approved veterinary examination with a negative blood and urine test.

1. **In accordance with 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) Purse Redistribution, The horse "Work Ethic" is hereby disqualified from 2nd PLACE and ordered unplaced from the 4th race on September 27, 2023, at the Downs at Albuquerque, for all but pari-mutuel wagering. The purse redistribution is as follows.**
2. **1st IMA ROYAL EAGLE**  
**2ND TINA KATARINA**  
**3RD EMPTY PROMISE**  
**4TH JESSAPOLLITCALGIRL**  
**5TH EZ ON MY MIND**  
**6TH CANTBEATTHE IRS**  
**7TH AJESS FOR THE LADY**  
**8TH DF FABULOUS JACKIE**  
**UNPLACED; WORK ETHIC**



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Licensee is found to be in violation of and this ruling is written in accordance with 15.2.3.8(B)(1)(3)(f) (g)(j) Stewards /15.2.6.9(C)(1) Medication Restrictions / 15.2.6.9(F)Permissible/ 15.2.6.9 NMAC Attachment 2/ Medications with Acceptable Levels /15.2.6.9(B)(4) Penalty Recommendations/ 15.2.3.8(B)(3)(k) Redistribution of Prizes/ 15.2.5.13(E)(4)(d) NMAC

15.2.1.9(b): Which states in pertinent part that "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the date of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the period is extended to include the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The appeal must be received by noon, at the main commission offices or with the stewards who issued the ruling and must be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's Check, money order." The last day to file an appeal: **January 17, 2024.**

By Order of The Downs at Albuquerque Stewards