

Ken Lawson, Secretary

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**OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS**

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

<b>Office:</b> PMW	<b>Region:</b> SOUTHERN	<b>Date of Complaint:</b> 12/19/2013	<b>Case Number:</b> 2013 05 0561
<b>Respondent:</b>  FRA, Juan 10601 BONITA BEACH ROAD BONITA SPRINGS, FL 33919 Phone: (239) 992-2411		<b>Complainant:</b>  DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING 1400 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD., SUITE 165 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 (954) 202-3900	
<b>License # and Type:</b> 76180 - 1055	<b>Profession:</b> Officer/ Greyhound		<b>Report Date:</b> 01/16/2014
<b>Period of Investigation:</b> December 19, 2013 through January 16, 2014		<b>Type of Report:</b> Final	
<p><b>Alleged Violation:</b> 61 D-6.009 (2) (b) (2) Each racing animal permitholder shall employ a veterinarian (the track or permitholder veterinarian) who is licensed by and in good standing with the Florida State Board of Veterinary Medicine. It is the duty of the general manager to ensure that the requirements of rules pertaining to the track veterinarian are strictly complied with.</p> <p>(b) The track veterinarian shall observe the condition of all racing animals immediately prior to, during, and after the race, time permitting. Any racing animal which has been entered to race that the track veterinarian or division veterinarian considers to be unsound for racing shall be promptly reported to the stewards or judges and said animal shall be scratched.</p> <p>(continued)</p>			
<b>Related Case:</b>			
<b>Investigator</b>  <i>Chuck Taylor</i> Chuck Taylor / 01/16/2014		<b>Investigator Supervisor / Date</b>  <i>Bradford D. Jones</i> Bradford D. Jones / January 27, 2014	
<b>Chief of Investigations / Date</b>  <i>Steven E. Kogan - January 31, 2014</i> Steven Kogan /			

## CONTINUATION

**Synopsis:** On 12/12/2013, State Chief Inspector, Patricia Evans received a DBPR Chief Vet Assistant Checklist completed by V.A. Kathy Richards for Performance #76 held on 12/11/2013. There was a hand written reference in the Remarks/Comments section that referenced "Vet on duty Dr. Hamici followed by Race 2-5 Dog hurt Vet not here, See Attached." The attached page stated, "Second Race 5<sup>th</sup>. Dog -"KOOTHRAPPALI" from Blanchard Kennel, owner Plum Creek, got injured at start of Race, dog was carried off the track and taken to Vet office, a trainer handled the situation, and Dr. Hamici arrived 10 minutes after the incident." (EXHIBIT #1). Patricia Evans prepared a Notice of Violation citing a violation of PMW Rule 61D-6.009 2(b) and emailed a copy to Investigations. (EXHIBIT #2)

12/13/2013, Contact was made with C.I. Evans and a copy of the V.A. Checklist prepared by V.A. Richards was obtained. Ms. Richards was interviewed and verified the incident. Ms. Richards stated her report was true and accurate. When asked about the time, noted in her report, Richards stated that the first time she saw Dr. Hamici was 10 minutes after the incident in the area of the Vet's office.

I then contacted Jim Blanchard, owner of the greyhound "KOOTHRAPPALI" and questioned him as to the dog's current condition. He stated the dog is in good health and that he just received "a stinger" on the date of the incident. I then asked who picked-up the dog after the Race that day. He said James Edgar one of his kennel helpers.

Contact was made with James Edgar who advised he received "KOOTHRAPPALI" from the lead-out immediately after the race. Edgar noted that the dog was limping so he contacted the track vet by phone. He met, with Dr. Hamici who examined the greyhound and found a muscle injury, and that no break had occurred. I asked Edgar, where the vet conducted his examination, and how soon after the greyhounds breakdown on the track? Edgar stated that the animal was examined in the vet shack, about five or ten minutes after the injury was observed.

On 01/10/2014, Contact was made with facility veterinarian D.V.M. Hakim Hamici who was interviewed inside the vet shack. Dr. Hamici remembered the incident involving "KOOTHRAPPALI". He recalled being contacted on his cell phone by Edgar and advising Edgar to bring the dog to his shack. Dr. Hamici produced a Greyhound Track Injury Report from his file drawer dated 12/11/2013. This report contained the following handwritten notations: "KOOTHRAPPALI" "Right front shoulder muscle injury" with a marked location of injury and "Meloxicain 15 ml #6 half tablet daily orally with food for inflammation (pain) + rest x1 week". (EXHIBIT #3)

Based upon this investigation there was no violation of Pari-Mutuel Rule 61 D-6.009 (2) (b) (2) by either the track veterinarian or the general manager.

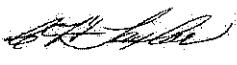
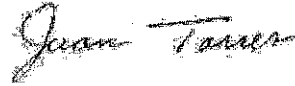

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### INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

<b>Office:</b> PMW	<b>Region:</b> SOUTHERN	<b>Date of Complaint:</b> 02/04/2014	<b>Case Number:</b> 2014 00 4592
<b>Respondent:</b>  FRA, Juan 10601 BONITA BEACH ROAD BONITA SPRINGS, FL 33919  Phone: (239) 992-2411		<b>Complainant:</b>  DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING 1400 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD., SUITE 165 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 (954) 202-3900	
<b>License # and Type:</b> 76180 - 1055		<b>Profession:</b> Officer/ Greyhound	<b>Report Date:</b> 05/20/2014
<b>Period of Investigation:</b> February 04, 2014 through May 20, 2014		<b>Type of Report:</b> FINAL	
<p><b>Alleged Violations:</b> 61D-6.009(2) Each racing animal permitholder shall employ a veterinarian (the track or permitholder veterinarian) who is licensed by and in good standing with the Florida State Board of Veterinary Medicine. It is the duty of the general manager to ensure that the requirements of rules pertaining to the track veterinarian are strictly complied with.</p> <p>2. (b) The track veterinarian shall observe the condition of all racing animals immediately prior to, during, and after the race, time permitting. Any racing animal which has been entered to race that the track veterinarian or division veterinarian considers to be unsound for racing shall be promptly reported to the stewards or judges and said animal shall be scratched.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(continued)</p>			
<p><b>Synopsys:</b> State Chief Inspector Patricia Evans and Chief Veterinarian Asst. Kathy Richards alleged on 1/25/14 at Bonita-Fort Myers facility, Dr. Abdel Hakim Hamici Lic#7405976 was not present during race #7 when greyhound "WHERE'S TINY T" suffered tendonitis of the joint.</p>			
<p>Related Case: 2014 00 4588</p>			
<p>Investigator Chuck Taylor / Date 05/20/2014</p> 		<p>Investigator Supervisor / Date May 20, 2014</p> 	
<p>Chief of Investigations / Date</p> <p>May 20, 2014</p>			

## CONTINUATION

On 01/25/14 and 02/05/14 State Chief Inspector Patricia Evans and Chief Veterinarian Asst. Kathy Richards submitted written statements regarding Facility Veterinarian Dr. Abdel Hakim Hamici's presence at Bonita-Fort Myers Greyhound Track on January 25, 2014. The complaint states Dr. Hamici was not present at the track when greyhounds "ATASCOCITA TOFU" suffered a broken leg during the 3<sup>rd</sup> race and "WHERE'S TINY T" suffered a tendonitis of the joint in the 7<sup>th</sup> race. In addition to the statements, Ms. Richards submitted a Chief Veterinarian Asst. Checklist which makes reference to Dr. Hamici's failure to be present at the track during the injuries. (EXHIBIT#1)

Chief Inspector Evans contacted Televue and requested a DVD copy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> race. After reviewing the DVD with Chief Inspector Evans, it was determined that, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> race, Dr. Hamici's black Toyota Pick-up was not viewed onsite. His vehicle was observed onsite during the 4<sup>th</sup> race which had a starting time of 1:10 p.m. Copy of the DVDs were submitted with a Property Receipt to Evidence Custodian Tyrell Smith at the North Broward Regional Service Bldg. (EXHIBIT #3 )

On 01/25/ 14, at 2:05 P.M., Race #7 started and during the first turn there was a collision involving several greyhounds, including "WHERE'S TINY T". The camera coverage recorded the collision momentarily and continued recording the remainder of the race.

02/04/2014, contact was made with Brad Perry, the Trainer of Record for GH Kennel. He remembered the date and incident when "WHERE'S TINY T" was injured. He stated Dr. Hamici examined "WHERE'S TINY T" and determined the greyhound sustained tendonitis of the joint. Dr. Hamici provided medication to the greyhound and recommended rest. Perry stated Dr. Hamici was present in his office and provided treatment to the greyhound right away. Perry also stated at no time did he have to call for Dr. Hamici.

02/21/2014, I contacted Dr. Hamici and requested records regarding the greyhounds' injuries he treated on 1/25/2014. He provided Greyhound Injury Reports for "ATASCOCCITA TOFU" and "WHERE'S TINY T". (EXHIBIT #5)

02/24/2014, I contacted Dr. Hamici regarding the allegations that he was not present before during and after Race #3 and Race #7 on 1/25/2014. He states he is there for the greyhounds and has always performed his veterinary duties to the best of his ability.

## CONTINUATION

03/18/2014, I contacted Juan **FRA** General Manager at Bonita – Fort Myers Facility regarding Dr. Hamici's responsibility to be present at the facility during race days. **FRA** stated Dr. Hamici is responsible for the medical care for the greyhounds and he expects Dr. Hamici to comply with PMW Rules. **FRA** also stated he is aware of the clinic owned by Dr. Hamici located next to the facility and considers this a benefit to the welfare of the greyhounds.

03/18/2014, I contacted Trainer Brad Perry in order to establish a more accurate time when he left the track and his contact with Dr. Hamici after Race #7. Perry stated Dr. Hamici was in his office when he arrived and "**WHERE'S TINY T**" was treated within 5 minutes.

03/19/2014, I contacted Dr. Hamici regarding his arrival time at the facility on 01/25/2014. I asked, "Exactly how long after the injury to "**WHERE'S TINY T**" in Race #7, did you arrive to treat the greyhound?" He stated, within "3 to 4 minutes."

As a result of my findings, it was determined that Dr. Hamici was in his office when "**WHERE'S TINY T**" was brought in with tendonitis of the joint. He provided documentation of the treatment received immediately after the race. In addition, Trainer Brad Perry confirmed Dr. Hamici was in his office and available immediately after the race. However, there is conflicting information as to whether Dr. Hamici was on the facility grounds continuously during the races on January 25, 2014.

Status: Forwarded to Canine – Mutuel Regional Manager Jorge E. Callejas for review.

On 05/16/2014, Jorge Callejas reviewed this case and determined "This is to inform you that case #2014004592 has been closed, due to the inconclusive evidence of a violation in the PMW Investigative Report. No action taken or needed at this time.

Respectfully,  
Jorge

Status: CLOSED

<b>FILED</b>	
Department of Business and Professional Regulation Deputy Agency Clerk	
CLERK	Brandon Nichols
Date	<b>9/3/2014</b>
File #	<b>2014-06622</b>

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING**

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS &  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, DIVISION  
OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING,**

Petitioner,

**DBPR CASE NO. 2014011205**

v.

**JUAN FRA,**

Respondent,

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**CONSENT ORDER**

JUAN FRA (Respondent) and State of Florida, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering (Division) hereby stipulate and agree to the following terms and issuance of this Consent Order.

1. The Division has jurisdiction over this matter and the parties.
2. The Division is authorized by Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, to resolve administrative proceedings by Consent Order.
3. Respondent is licensed as a General Manager with a Slots Combo Professional License, license number 76180 issued by the division. Mr. Fra failed to ensure that the Track Veterinarian, Dr. Abdel Hakim Hamici (lic.#7405976), was present to observe the condition of the racing greyhounds during and after a race. On February 28, 2014 during the evening's start of the 11<sup>th</sup> race at Naples Fort Myers Dog Track, the greyhound "WWW RAY OF GREY" suf-

ferred an injury during the race. Dr. Hamici was not immediately present on the track grounds to tend the greyhound's broken leg injury sustained in the race. Dr. Hamici showed up at the track approximately 20 minutes after the incident occurred to care for the injured greyhound, "WWW RAY OF GREY". Mr. Fra is in violation of rule 61D-6.009(2) for failure to ensure that the Track Veterinarian was present to observe the condition of the racing greyhounds during and after a race.

4. Respondent understands the Rule 61D-6.009(2) and (2)(b), Florida Administrative Code, which states " (2) Each racing animal permitholder shall employ a veterinarian (the track or permitholder veterinarian) who is licensed by and in good standing with the Florida State Board of Veterinary Medicine. It is the duty of the general manager to ensure that the requirements of rules pertaining to the track veterinarian are strictly complied with." "(2)(b) The track veterinarian shall observe the condition of all racing animals immediately prior to, during, and after the race, time permitting. Any racing animal which has been entered to race that the track veterinarian or division veterinarian considers to be unsound for racing shall be promptly reported to the stewards or judges and said animal shall be scratched."

5. Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of **FOUR Hundred Dollars (\$400.00)**. The check shall be made payable to the **DBPR** and should have the case number of this matter (DBPR Case No. 2014011205) noted on it. The check together with this signed and notarized Consent Order shall be mailed to **Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering, North Broward Regional Service Center, Attn: Jorge Callejas, Division Hearing Officer, 1400 West Commercial Boulevard, Suite 165, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33309-3787**. The Division's adoption of this Consent Order constitutes acknowledgement of receipt of payment.

6. Respondent and the Division fully understand that this Consent Order will in no way preclude additional proceedings by the Division against Respondent for acts or omissions not spe-

cifically set forth in this case, and this Consent Order may be considered in aggravation of any future disciplinary proceedings involving Respondent.

7. Each party has entered into the terms of this Consent Order voluntarily. Respondent is aware that he or she is entitled to the advice of counsel. Respondent has either sought the advice of counsel or, by execution of this Consent Order, expressly and knowingly waives the opportunity to seek advice of counsel. Respondent acknowledges that the Division has not made any promise nor has it in any other way encouraged Respondent to enter into this Consent Order without the advice of counsel. Respondent further acknowledges that by executing this Consent Order he or she expressly waives his or her right to a hearing before the judges in this case.

8. Each party shall bear its own costs and legal fees related to this matter, and no financial claim shall be made against the Division in this action.

9. This Consent Order is subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering (Director), and shall have no force and effect unless it is signed by both parties. Should this Consent Order be rejected, it may not be used as evidence against the Respondent in any proceeding.

10. The Respondent and the Division acknowledge and agree that this Consent Order constitutes the Final Order of the Division in this matter and that further administrative and judicial review is hereby waived by both parties.

11. Upon the Division's adoption of this Consent Order, Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps, including judicial review, as well as the right to seek any attorney's fees and costs from the Division in connection with this proceeding.

12. This Consent Order is executed by both parties for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause. Respondent authorizes the Director to review and



examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent prior to or in conjunction with consideration of this Consent Order. Should this Consent Order not be accepted by the Director, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order and investigative file materials by the Director shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Director from further participation, consideration, or resolution of these proceedings.

Respondent, **JUAN FRA** consents to the terms and conditions of this Consent Order this

15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

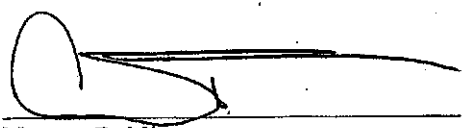
  
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**JUAN FRA**  
Respondent

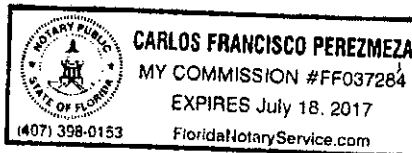
**STATE OF FLORIDA,**

**COUNTY OF** Lee


Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 15 day of August,

2014, **JUAN FRA** known to me or who produced the following as identification:

  
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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:



APPROVED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014.

  
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**JONATHAN R. ZACHEM**  
Chief Attorney  
Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering  
Dept of Business & Professional Regulation


**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The foregoing Consent Order shall constitute the agreed resolution of this matter and the Final Order of the Division in Case No. 2014011205, once it is filed with the Agency Clerk.

DONE AND ORDERED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014,


in Tallahassee, Florida.

  
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**LEON M. BIEGALSKI**  
Director  
Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering  
Department of Business & Professional Regulation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2014, that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. mail to:

JUAN FRA  
10601 Bonita Beach Road  
Bonita Springs, Florida 33919

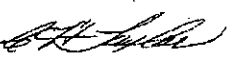
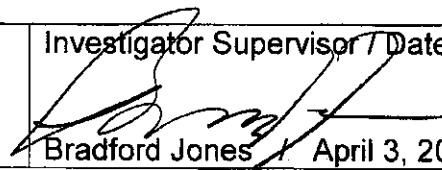
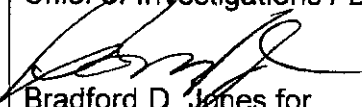
  
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## OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

### INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Office: <b>PMW</b>	Region: <b>Southern</b>	Date of Complaint: <b>February 23, 2015</b>	Case Number: <b>2015 00 8134</b>
Respondent:  <b>WALKER, LINDA S.</b> 5571 SW 114 Avenue Cooper City, FL 33330 Cell: (786) 263-3244		Complainant:  <b>DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS</b> 1400 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD, SUITE 165 FT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 954-202-3900	
License # and Type: <b>1228675-1021</b>	Profession: <b>Trainer/Greyhound</b>	Report Date: <b>March 30, 2015</b>	
Period of Investigation: <b>February 23, 2015 – March 30, 2015</b>		Type of Report: <b>Final</b>	
Alleged Violation: <b>FS 550.2415 "Racing of animals under certain conditions prohibited; penalties; exceptions"-- (6)(a)</b> "It is the intent of the Legislature that animals that participate in races in this state on which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted and animals that are bred and trained in this state for racing be treated humanely, both on and off racetracks, throughout the lives of the animals."			
<p><b>Synopsis:</b> Linda WALKER, Trainer of Record for G&amp;H Kennel, reported via the PMW Notify System, the death of greyhound "B.L. Rumble" (tattoo #43A Right – 61127 Left), which occurred on Sunday February 22, 2015, at 11:30 AM during the Official Morning Schooling Races at the Naples-Ft. Myers Greyhound Track. The notification was received on February 22, 2015 at 6:48 (EX #1).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Continued</p>			
Related Case:			
Investigator/Date:	Chuck Taylor	Investigator Supervisor / Date	
March 30, 2015			Bradford Jones / April 3, 2015
Chief of Investigations / Date			
			
Bradford D. Jones for Steven E. Kogan / April 13, 2015			

## CONTINUATION

## Investigative Activity:

On 2/24/2015, contact was made with Linda **WALKER** at the Naples Ft. Myers Greyhound Track. I questioned her as to the facts surrounding the death of "**B.L. Rumble**" on 2/22/2015. **WALKER** stated "**B.L. Rumble**" was schooling in race 9, box #7. He lead the entire race on the 5/16 course. At the conclusion of the race, "**B.L. Rumble**" exited the track and walked to the cool-down area, where he collapsed and stopped breathing. Several trainers witnessed animal in distress. One unidentified trainer attempted C.P.R. without success. **WALKER's** Husband and Kennel helper, Andy Walker (License #1228717) attempted to call Track Veterinarian Abdel Hamici DVM (License #7405976) on his cell phone, but it went directly to voice mail.

**WALKER** states she ran to the racing office looking for Dr. Hamici. Upon arrival Racing Secretary, Ronald DePari advised **WALKER** he had just received a call from Trainer, Mike Curran making him aware of the incident involving "**B.L. Rumble**". DePari told **WALKER** that Curran had called Dr. Hamici and he was on his way to meet the greyhound at his clinic. **WALKER** concluded by saying that her husband, Andy utilized their kennel truck to transport "**B.L. Rumble**" to the clinic where Dr. Hamici examined the greyhound and pronounced him deceased.

Also on 2/24/15, I made contact with Racing Secretary Ronald DePari who was present at the Racing Office during the time following the animal's collapse. DePari confirmed that he was made aware of the incident by Mike Curran. He suggested I contact Mr. Curran who DePari believes had a phone conversation with Dr. Hamici.

I spoke with Mike Curran who happened to be in the area when "**B.L. Rumble**" collapsed. He stated he was the first to call D.V.M. Hamici. Curran's description of the animal's collapse was consistent with **WALKER's**. He went on to say that he believed oxygen was needed to revive "**B.L. Rumble**". He also stated that he observed Andy Walker transporting "**B.L. Rumble**" to the Hamici's clinic.

I remained at the facility and spoke to Dr. Hamici. We discussed the death of the greyhound "**B.L. Rumble**" during the Sunday schooling. Dr. Hamici stated that on the day of the incident, he received a call from Mike Curran requesting oxygen. He went on to say "I told Mike, I have no oxygen here on the facility. Have them meet me at my clinic."

According to Hamici, Andy Walker drove the kennel truck to the rear entrance of the clinic. Hamici responded to his reception area at the front of his office and was unable to find them. After a few minutes, they made contact. Hamici examined the greyhound and found no signs of life. Hamici added "I believe death was caused by a possible heart attack. There were no visible injuries." "**B.L. Rumble**" remained at the clinic for disposal.

I asked Dr. Hamici if he observed the Official schooling races. He said he had just walked inside after race 9 was completed without incident. He received the call from Mike Curran shortly thereafter. I asked Dr. Hamici if he had prepared a Track Injury Report concerning this incident to which he replied in the affirmative. We responded to the racing office where he supplied me with a copy (EX #2).

On 3/17/2015, I contacted Dr. Hamici again to ask if he has oxygen on the Bonita facility. He stated, "No, I have oxygen at my clinic." He explained he has all the necessary equipment there to get the oxygen into the lungs of a greyhound.

On 3/27/2015, I spoke to Dr. Hamici outside the veterinary shack. I asked him why he did not have oxygen at the facility. He said "There never has been oxygen at this facility." [If] "I need special equipment which is located in my clinic 1000 feet away." This conversation was conducted in the presence of facility Judge James LeSure.

Florida Administrative Code Rule 61D-2.023(3)(k) states that the Division must be notified within 18 hours of the death of any racing greyhound that occurred on the grounds of a greyhound track or kennel compound. In this instance the interval between the death of the animal and notification to the Division was approximately 7 hours, 18 minutes. As such, no violation has occurred. This investigation has not revealed any evidence which suggests the death of "B.L. Rumble" was due to anything other than natural causes.

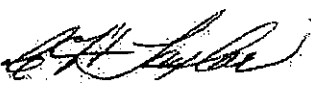

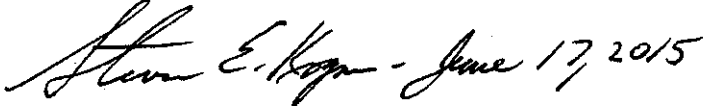
**Case Closed.**

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### INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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<b>Synopsys</b> This report is predicated upon a Notice of Violation received from Chief Inspector Patricia Evans who advised during the first race of March 9, 2015 (twilight performance) dog #6 "Razordragoon" fell and broke his right hock. Dena Lasetter, Chief Vet Assistant, notified Evans that Track Veterinarian, Dr. Hakim Hamici was not there to treat the greyhound. Evans spoke to the Trainer Jade Feise of the Feise Kennel who stated Hamici was called and said he was on his way. The injury occurred at 2:28 PM; Dr. Hamici arrived at 2:52 PM (EX #1).			
<b>Related Case:</b>			
<b>Investigator / Date</b>  Chuck Taylor / 06/16/2015		<b>Investigator Supervisor / Date</b>  Bradford D. Jones / June 16, 2015	
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## CONTINUATION

On March 11, 2015 I made contact with the Feise Kennel Trainer; Shadie Nail (PMW 10382070-1021) to determine the current condition of "Razordragoon." Nail advised the greyhound "Razordragoon" sustained a broken right hock during the first race (twilight) of March 9, 2015. She further stated that a splint & bandage was applied by the veterinarian (Hamici) and the animal is doing well.

On March 17, 2015, I interviewed Trainer Shadie Nail. She was asked to describe the events that followed Race 1 on March 9, 2015 involving "Razordragoon". She stated "Razordragoon" started from Box 6 in Race 1 of the Twilight Races. "Razordragoon" came through the first turn and then broke down. He was able to finish the race limping in last place. Nail carried the greyhound into the Vet shack and called Dr. Hamici's cell phone. Hamici told her he would be right down. Nail then called the kennel owner, Jade Feise (PMW 10298479-1021) who responded from her nearby residence. According to Nail, Dr. Hamici did not arrive until after the third race had finished. Dr. Hamici provided a splint & bandage to the animal's right hock. Ms. Fiese arrived from her home before the leg splint was completed.

On March 20, 2015, I made contact with Chief Vet Assistant, Dena Lasseter. She provided a written statement confirming her knowledge of the incident which was largely limited to second hand accounts provided to her by Trainer Nail and Chief Inspector Evans. Lasseter also supplied me with a copy of a Chief Vet Assistant Checklist prepared by Operations Specialist Marcy Calabrese dated March 9, 2015 which noted the Veterinarian on duty was Dr. Hamici (EX 2).

On March 27, 2015 during my monthly kennel inspection with Judge Jim LaSure, we entered the Feise Kennel. We spoke with Shadie Nail who was present in the kennel. She was asked for an update on the condition of "Razordragoon". She presented the greyhound "Razordragoon" to us and stated he was recovering well and has been scheduled for adoption. We viewed the greyhound and he appeared to be in excellent spirits.

On April 10, 2015 I contacted Dr. Hamici at the Bonita facility. He was asked to provide the injury report of "Razordragoon" he prepared on March 9, 2015. He was busy tending to his pre-race examinations during my visit, but stated he would secure a copy of the report from the racing office. I requested him to supply the report on our next meeting.

I next contacted Mutuel Manager, Bob Dorris (PMW 880887-1021). He was able to supply a copy of the Post Time Report for the Twilight Performance of March 9, 2015 Races 1 through 8. The report showed the official time of finish for Race 1 was 2:30 PM and the official time of finish for Race 3 was 3:04 PM (EX 3).

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On April 15, 2015 I met with Dr. Hamici outside of the racing office. He provided a copy of his Greyhound Track Injury Report for March 9, 2015 showing "Razordragoon" was entered in Race 1 Box 6. During the race, the greyhound sustained a fracture of his right hock. Hamici applied a splint and a bandage along with medication (**EX 4**).

I reviewed the Injury report and asked Dr. Hamici if he personally observed the breakdown of "Razordragoon". He stated he was upstairs on the second floor in the bathroom when he received a call on his cell phone from the trainer Shadie Nail. He told Nail he would be right down.

I advised Dr. Hamici there was a Notice of Violation received from Patricia Evans stating, he did not respond for 24 minutes after the greyhound was carried into the vet shack for attention. I then asked him why it took 24 minutes for him to respond. He stated he was in the bathroom with "stomach problems and cramps." I asked Hamici if he knew exactly how long he was in stomach distress. Dr. Hamici stated, "I do not know exactly. I don't want to lie, I can't tell you exactly."

On April 21, 2015 I stopped by the Jade Feise Kennel and spoke with Ms. Feise. I asked if "Razordragoon" had been examined recently. She stated the bandage had been replaced several times and the splint was still intact. I asked if Dr. Hamici had seen the greyhound. She said "No, the doctor knows I can take care of my "Razordragoon". She also told me that "...Razordragoon" is going to be transported for adoption up north next week."

This case will be submitted to Legal for review.

On June 9, 2015 A Closing Order was issued by Jason Maine, Chief Attorney which stated in part, "Dr. Hamici failed to observe the condition of the racing greyhounds during and after the first race, his absence during this time is attributable to a temporary illness beyond the control of the Subject. Thus, prosecution of Subject is not warranted at this time. It is therefore ORDERED that this case should be and is hereby CLOSED without prejudice."

Case Status: CLOSED