

State of Texas
Texas Racing Commission

Official Ruling # COMM109

TRAINER	CAMACHO, SERVANDO	License #	150206
Ruling Date:	05/20/2014	Violation Date:	03/22/2014
Redistribute Purse:	No		

Rules Violated:

307.7 EJECTION AND EXCLUSION

ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

On May 20, 2014, the Executive Secretary of the Texas Racing Commission considered the matter of Servando Benitez Camacho ("Camacho"). Based on information contained within Texas Racing Commission Steward's Ruling Numbers SHRP4791 and SHRP4792, the Executive Secretary makes the following findings:

1. After racing in the tenth race at Sam Houston Race Park on or about March 22, 2014, the horse "God I Am Handsome," trained by Camacho, tested positive for the impermissible drugs mephentermine and phentermine.
2. After racing in the eleventh and fifteenth races, respectively, at Sam Houston Race Park on or about March 29, 2014, the horses "Executive Successor" and "Executive Rule," both trained by Camacho, tested positive for the impermissible drugs mephentermine and phentermine.
3. Section 13.01 of the Texas Racing Act (the Act) authorizes the Texas Racing Commission to exclude a person who is under suspension by the commission or a steward in this state because of fraudulent or corrupt practices or other acts detrimental to racing.
4. Camacho is under suspension by the Sam Houston Board of Stewards through May 11, 2018 because of the finding of impermissible drugs in the horse's systems.
5. Racing horses with impermissible drugs in their systems constitutes an act detrimental to racing.
6. Section 2.13 of the Act provides that the executive secretary shall perform duties as required by the Commission.
7. Adopted pursuant to 13.01 of the Act, Texas Racing Commission Rule 307.7 provides that the executive secretary may order an individual excluded from association grounds in accordance with the Texas Racing Act if the executive secretary determines that:
 - a. the individual may be excluded under 13.01 of the Act; and
 - b. the individual's presence on association grounds is inconsistent with maintaining the honesty and integrity of racing.
8. The presence of Camacho on association grounds is inconsistent with maintaining the honesty and integrity of racing because the presence of a person who has been found to have administered a Class 1 drug to a racehorse at a pari-mutuel racetrack creates the perception that pari-mutuel racing is not strictly regulated. This perception can cause the law-abiding public to question the integrity of pari-mutuel racing and to limit or avoid attending or wagering on pari-mutuel races.

It is therefore ORDERED that Servando Benitez Camacho is hereby EXCLUDED from all association grounds in Texas.

ISSUED AND SENT this 20th day of May, 2014.

By Order of the Executive Director

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Chuck Trout
Executive Secretary
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