

COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: **23GG0014 & 23GG0027**

The CHRB hereby files a complaint against **Rutilio Mendez-Rivas** for violation of CHRB Rule **1874, 1890(a), 1489(a)(8), 1900, 1547**. The person named in this complaint holds a license as a **Groom**, license number **324706 1/2025**. The offense alleged occurred on or about **March 1, 2023** and is as follows:

While serving Groom Rutilio Mendez-Rivas with a hearing packet for a previous narcotic use/possession investigation (Case #23GG0014), Groom Rutilio Mendez-Rivas was again found to be in possession of marijuana and under the influence of both marijuana and methamphetamine. A Quest Diagnostics urine analysis verified that he was under the influence of both at the time of re-contact. Groom Mendez-Rivas is waived his 10-day notice on this case so that both matters can be heard at the same time.

The subject failed to appear on the two cases with GGF BOS issuing Ruling #PRTG037 dated March 24, 2023, suspending his license. He requested a new hearing date.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 19420, 19440, and CHRB Rules, the stewards are empowered to impose penalties for violation of any provision of the CHRB Rules. Such penalties may consist of suspension of any license, fines, and exclusion from all racing enclosures under the jurisdiction of the Board or by any combination of these penalties.

Date : March 30, 2023	Complainant : Supervising Investigator L. Quezada
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NOTICE TO APPEAR

To **Rutilio Mendez-Rivas** you are hereby notified to appear before the Board of Stewards at the below listed location, date, and time.

Location: Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, CA.	Date: April 20, 2023 (New Hearing Date)	Time: 1030 hours
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You are entitled to reasonable notice of the hearing and reasonable time to prepare for the hearing. If you need additional time to prepare for the hearing, you must contact the Board of Stewards within 72 hours of receipt of this notice. All requests for a continuance must be in writing. You should be prepared to justify your request for additional time. Granting or denial of a request for additional time is within the sound discretion of the stewards. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the GOVERNING PROCEDURES FOR HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, a copy of which is attached to this Complaint and Notice to Appear.

Investigator	Date
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DISPOSITION OF CASE

The stewards have taken the following action on CASE NUMBER:

Steward

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