

COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: **23LA0048**

The CHRB hereby files a complaint against **Ricardo Mendez** for violation of CHRB Rule **1482 & 1874 (4)**. The person named in this complaint holds a license as a **Owner**, license number **237949 - 04/2023**. The offense alleged occurred on or about **03/26/2023** and

is as follows:

Investigators observed Owner Ricardo Mendez via TV and computer during live racing at Los Alamitos on 03/26/2023. At the conclusion of the third race horse "Organied Chaos" finished first. Investigators observed Mendez hand his horse, "Organied Chaos" to Mario Olivarez (064885 - Terminated) who walked the horse to winner's circle for a photo after the race. Also present in the video was Trainer Sally Rivera (CHRB #225247- 12/2024). Mendez also left his horse with Olivarez in the test barn area while he cashed in a ticket.

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.

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| Date : 04/20/2023 | Complainant : CHRB |
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NOTICE TO APPEAR

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

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| Location: Los Alamitos | Date: | Time: |
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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.

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| Investigator | Date |
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DISPOSITION OF CASE

The stewards have taken the following action on CASE NUMBER: **23LA0048**

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