

# COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: 20SA0240

The CHRB hereby files a complaint against **Jeffrey Metz (stable Saratoga West), Scott Gruender (stable Horseplayers Racing Club), Jeremy Hodges, and Ricardo Gonzalez** for violation of CHRB Rule 1859.5. The person named in this complaint holds a license as a **Trainer/Owner, Owner, Owner and Jockey**, license number **242407-12/2022 and 310175-12/2021, 293413-09/2021 and 296474-12/2020, 401184-05/2022, and 312949-07/2021** respectively. The offense alleged occurred on or about **September 27, 2020** and is as follows:

**The official urine sample #SA32038 taken on September 27, 2020, reported by Ben Moeller of the Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at UC Davis, was found to contain Tiludronic Acid. The sample was obtained from the horse "Camino De Estrella" who ran in the 3rd race at Santa Anita and finished 6th. The trainer of record is Jeffrey Metz. A split sample was requested and the split sample confirmed the original finding of the drug substance Tiludronic Acid in accordance with Rule 1859.25. Tiludronic Acid is considered a prohibited drug substance Class 1 Penalty Category A. The trainer/owner of "Camino De Estrella" is Jeffrey West (Saratoga West), Scott Gruender (Horseplayers Racing Club) and Jeremy Hodges. The jockey was Ricardo Gonzalez. Per Rule 1859.5 the horse shall be disqualified and any purse money forfeited.**

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 :	Complainant : <b>CHRB</b>
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## NOTICE TO APPEAR

To **Jeffrey Metz et.al.** you are hereby notified to appear before the Board of Stewards at the below listed location, date, and time.

Location:	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.

Investigator	Date
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DISPOSITION OF CASE

The stewards have taken the following action on CASE NUMBER: **20SA0240**

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