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OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Office: PMW	Region: SOUTHERN	Date of Complaint: 02/04/2014	Case Number: 2014 00 4592
Respondent: FRA, Juan 10601 BONITA BEACH ROAD BONITA SPRINGS, FL 33919 Phone: (239) 992-2411		Complainant: DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING 1400 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD., SUITE 165 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 (954) 202-3900	
License # and Type: 76180 - 1055		Profession: Officer/ Greyhound	Report Date: 05/20/2014
Period of Investigation: February 04, 2014 through May 20, 2014		Type of Report: <p style="text-align: center;">FINAL</p>	
<p>Alleged Violations: 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>Synopsys: 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>			
Related Case: 2014 00 4588			
Investigator Chuck Taylor / Date 05/20/2014 		Investigator Supervisor / Date May 20, 2014 	
Chief of Investigations / Date May 20, 2014			

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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 3rd race and "**WHERE'S TINY T**" suffered a tendonitis of the joint in the 7th 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 3rd race. After reviewing the DVD with Chief Inspector Evans, it was determined that, during the 3rd race, Dr. Hamici's black Toyota Pick-up was not viewed onsite. His vehicle was observed onsite during the 4th 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.

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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

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