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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	)	HPA Docket No. 15-0001
	)	
William Brock Tillman,	)	
	)	Consent Decision
Respondent.	)	and Order

This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. §1821 et seq.) (Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondent violated the Act. This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

(a) Respondent William Brock Tillman is an individual whose mailing address is located in (b) (6) [redacted]

(b) Respondent entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "He Has Status" as entry number 563, class number 8 at the 2013, Bedford Cancer Foundation, Inc., Walking For Cancer Horse Show, held April 13, 2013, in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

(c) Respondent entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "Calipari's Cousins" as entry number 176, class number 20 at the 2014 Mississippi Charity Horse Show, held March 27-29, 2014, in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusions

Respondent having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

1. Respondent is disqualified for sixteen (16) months, from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing, or otherwise participating in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction. The disqualification period shall begin on June 6, 2016, and continue uninterrupted through October 6, 2017. "Participating" means engaging in any activity beyond that of a spectator, and includes, without limitation, transporting or arranging for the transportation of horses to or from equine events, personally giving instructions to exhibitors, being present in the warm-up or inspection areas, or in any area where spectators are not allowed, and financing the participation of others in equine events.

2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of two thousand and two hundred dollars ($2,200.00).

This order shall have the same effect as if entered after a full hearing and shall become effective upon issuance by the Administrative Law Judge.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

WILLIAM BROCK TILLMAN
Respondent

ALICIA NAPIER
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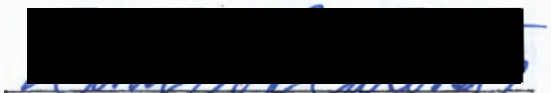
DARLENE M. BOLINGER
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 6th day of June, 2016



BOBBIE MCCARTNEY
Chief Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

William Brock Tillman
Docket No. HPA 15-0001

Having personal knowledge of the foregoing, I declare under penalty of perjury that the information herein is true and correct and this is to certify that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished and was served upon the following parties on June 6, 2016 by the following:

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