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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING,

Petitioner,

DBPR Case No.: 2021-020964 v.

VLADIMIR ORTEGA-CARABALLO,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering ("Petitioner"), issues this Final Order against Vladimir Ortega-Caraballo, ("Respondent") as follows:

- An Administrative Complaint was filed in this case on September 21, 2021, 1. alleging that Respondent violated Section 550.0251(6) and 551.112, Florida Statutes. A copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and incorporated by reference.
- 2. The Election of Rights form, Explanation of Rights, and cover letter informed Respondent that a written response to the Administrative Complaint, including the right to request a hearing, was due within 21 days of actual service of the Administrative Complaint. See Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-106.111, Florida Administrative Code.
- On or about October 7, 2021, Respondent returned a signed Election of Rights 3. form and selected "Option 3" which states that Respondent does not dispute the allegations of material fact in the Administrative Complaint and waives his or her right to any form of hearing. Respondent, by selecting this option, requests that a Final Order imposing a penalty and/or fine

be entered in this case. A copy of the Election of Rights is attached hereto as Exhibit "3" and

incorporated by reference.

4. Respondent has waived his right to request a hearing in which there is a disputed

issue of material fact.

Having considered the Administrative Complaint and Respondent's waiver of his right to

request a hearing, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

5. The allegations of fact and the conclusions of law in the Administrative

Complaint are adopted in their entirety herein.

6. Respondent is hereby **PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED** from all licensed pari-

mutuel wagering facilities in the State of Florida and any facility of a slot machine licensee in the

State of Florida.

7. This Final Order is effective on the date it is filed with the Agency Clerk of the

Department of Business and Professional Regulation as indicated on the first page of this Final

Order.

This Final Order in DBPR Case Number 2021-020964 is DONE and ORDERED this

12 day of October

2021

LOUIS TROMBETTA, DIRECTOR

Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

2601 Blair Stone Road

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1035

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Any party to this proceeding has the right to seek its judicial review under Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by the filing of an original notice of appeal pursuant to Rules 9.110 and 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Agency Clerk, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2202 (Email: AGC.Filing@myfloridalicense.com), and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate Florida district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed (received) in the Office of the Agency Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date this Order is filed with the Clerk.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15th day of Order, 2021, a true and correct copy of this Final Order has been sent via U.S. Mail to:

Vladimir Ortega-Caraballo 20525 Northwest 30th Avenue Opa-Locka, Florida 33056

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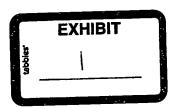
VLADIMIR ORTEGA-CARABALLO,

Respondent.		

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering ("Petitioner"), files this Administrative Complaint against Vladimir Ortega-Caraballo ("Respondent"), and alleges:

- 1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating pari-mutuel wagering, slot machines, and cardroom operations pursuant to Chapters 550, 551, and 849, Florida Statutes.
- 2. At all times material hereto, Respondent's address was reported as 20525 North West 30 Avenue, Opa Locka, Florida 33056.
- 3. At all times material hereto, Calder Race Course, Inc. was a facility operated by a permitholder authorized to conduct pari-mutuel wagering, slot machines, and cardroom operations in the State of Florida.
 - 4. On or about April 26, 2021, Respondent was a patron of Calder Race Course, Inc.
- 5. On or about April 26, 2021, Respondent was ejected and permanently excluded from Calder Race Course, Inc.
 - 6. Section 550.0251(6), Florida Statutes, provides in relevant part:



In addition to the power to exclude certain persons from any parimutuel facility in the state, the division may exclude any person from any and all pari-mutuel facilities in this state for conduct that would constitute, if the person were a licensee, a violation of this chapter or the rules of the division. The division may exclude from any pari-mutuel facility within this state any person who has been ejected from a pari-mutuel facility in this state or who has been excluded from any pari-mutuel facility in another state by the governmental department, agency, commission, or authority exercising regulatory jurisdiction over pari-mutuel facilities in such other state.

(Emphasis supplied).

7. Section 551.112, Florida Statutes, provides:

In addition to the power to exclude certain persons from any facility of a slot machine licensee in this state, the division may exclude any person from any facility of a slot machine licensee in this state for conduct that would constitute, if the person were a licensee, a violation of this chapter or the rules of the division. The division may exclude from any facility of a slot machine licensee any person who has been ejected from a facility of a slot machine licensee in this state or who has been excluded from any facility of a slot machine licensee or gaming facility in another state by the governmental department, agency, commission, or authority exercising regulatory jurisdiction over the gaming in such other state. This section does not abrogate the common law right of a slot machine licensee to exclude a patron absolutely in this state.

(Emphasis supplied).

8. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Sections 550.0251(6) and 551.112, Florida Statutes, and is subject to exclusion from all licensed pari-mutuel wagering facilities and any facility of a slot machine licensee in the State of Florida based on his ejection from Calder Race Course, Inc. on or about April 26, 2021.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests the Division Director enter an Order excluding Respondent from all licensed pari-mutuel wagering facilities and any facility of a slot

machine licensee in the State of Florida, along with any other remedy provided by Chapters 550 and 551, Florida Statutes, and/or the rules promulgated thereunder.

This Administrative Complaint for DBPR Case Number 2021-020964 is signed this 20th day of September 2021.

/s/Emily A. Leiva

Emily A. Leiva

Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar Number: 1025200

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REQUEST A HEARING

Pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, you have the right to request a hearing to challenge the charges contained in this Administrative Complaint. If you choose to request a hearing, you will have the right to be represented by counsel, or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses, and to have subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum issued on your behalf.

Any request for an administrative proceeding to challenge or contest the charges contained in this Administrative Complaint must conform to Rule 28-106.2015, Florida Administrative Code. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.111, Florida Administrative Code, you must request a hearing within 21 days from receipt of this Notice, or you will waive your right to request a hearing.

Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available to resolve this Administrative Complaint.

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