

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW - LUIS SAEZ

On September 25, 2013, at approximately 11am. Director of investigations interviewed Luis Saez at Belmont Race Track. Present were his attorney, Karen Murphy, Esq.; Richard DePass, his agent; John Velasquez, Jockey and Guild Representative; and Angel Gonzalez, Investigator of the NYSGC acting as interpreter. Mr. Saez was sworn in by Leveson to the truth, after starting the recorder.

It should be noted that John Velasquez listened and interpreted along with Angel Gonzalez, the two Spanish speakers were never in disagreement.

Luis Saez was questioned about his background as a jockey both in his native Panama, Florida and N.Y.

He was asked whether he rode "Will Take Charge" before, either in morning work out or races, he answered neither.

He was asked to recite the riding of the Travers Stakes race.

After discussing the race he was asked to comment on what happened from the time he stood up after the finish wire, till he sat down in the saddle, to stop the horse in the club house turn.

Saez stated in general that after the race he was filled with emotion and uncertainty whether he had won the race or not.

When asked why he did not pump his fist over his head at the end of the race, he said he did not know for sure if he was the winner until "the lady rode over to me," noting that when NBC commentator Donna Barton rode over to him, he then knew he was the winner.

Saez then was asked questions pertaining to his hand movements while trying to change his whip from the left hand to the right hand after the wire. He agreed that the right hand was holding the knot and the left hand was holding the loop of the reins. He stated that he reached for the handle of the whip, then steadied himself while feeling unbalanced momentarily. He stated that once he was back in balance he moved his right hand back to the whip to complete the change of hands on the whip. He then rearranged the hands on the reins in preparation for the eventual stop of the horse. After completing this maneuver he relaxed his left hand guiding the horse with the right hand.

After indicating that he has heard of an electrical device, Saez was asked the following questions:

Have you ever seen one?

No.

Have you ever used one?

No.

Have you ever used an electrical device in a morning work out?

No.

Have you ever ridden next to someone who you knew to be using an electrical device?

No.

Did anyone ask you to carry an electrical device?

No.

Did Mr. Lukas ask you to carry an electrical device?

No.

Did you carry an electrical device in the race?

No.

Did you hide anything under the saddle cloth?

No.

Did you throw anything away with your left hand?

No.

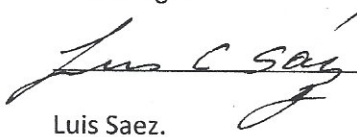
Did you hide anything in the knot of the reins?

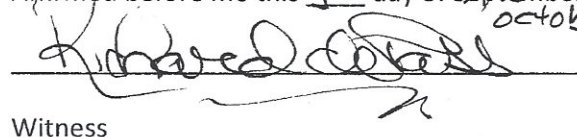
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Attestation:

I, Luis Saez, have read this statement, consisting of two pages, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Affirmed before me this 3rd day of ~~September~~ October, 2013.


Luis Saez.


Witness