



Media release

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Currie stable hand suspended for providing false evidence

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) has today suspended a Currie Racing stable hand for providing false evidence to Stewards.

At a Stewards Inquiry today licensed stable hand Silde Canda was found guilty of providing false evidence during an investigation contrary to AR 175 (g) and suspended for three months.

On Thursday 10 May, members of the Integrity Investigation Team (IIT) interviewed Mr Canda at the QRIC office at Clifford Park Toowoomba as part of the ongoing investigation into alleged race day treatment of horses from Currie Racing in the lead up to the Weetwood Carnival.

During the interview Mr Canda was required to produce his mobile phone but he said his mobile phone was at home as it was not working due to accidentally being smashed the previous night.

Further enquiries proved this to be untrue and the fully operational phone was recovered from Mr Canda's vehicle. The phone was seized and is being examined.

Investigations are continuing to determine whether Mr Canda was counselled by another person to be deceptive and uncooperative with QRIC Stewards.

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said any licensed participant who makes a false or misleading statement about any matter under investigation was committing an offence.

"The Rules of Racing place a clear obligation on licensees to be truthful when Stewards question them about an investigation," he said.

"We will not tolerate racing participants who try to impede or defeat this, or any other investigation.

"When being interviewed racing participants must think carefully about the future consequences of their answers and their actions. If we prove they are being untruthful we will take the appropriate action."

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