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LONGFORD TRAINING CENTRE CONDUCT INQUIRY- 9 August 2019 -

Panel - D Tyson, L Lord, T. North

Office of Racing Integrity Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the conduct of licenced track work rider Mr.P.Dargan and stablehand Mr.L.Thompson at the Longford training centre on 9 August 2019.

Mr Dargan pleaded guilty to a charge under Australian Rule 228(b) for misconduct in that he had misconducted himself toward Mr Thompson by swearing and pushing him during an altercation. After considering his submissions on penalty and the following factors; his guilty plea, clean record and personal circumstances he was fined the sum of \$500, \$250 of which is to be suspended for a period of 2 years unless he reoffends. Mr Dargan was advised of his right to appeal.

Mr L Thompson pleaded not guilty to charge under Australian Rule 228(b) for misconduct in that he had pushed Mr.P.Dargan and used threatening language during an incident at the Longford training track. After considering his submissions on his not guilty plea including evidence from licenced stable hand Miss J Stevens and the CCTV footage showing he had raised his hands in a defensive motion as Mr Dargan had approached him stewards found him not guilty. However Mr Thompson was cautioned on his choice of words during this incident.

Dominic Tyson CHAIRMAN