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BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:
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NICK DIAZ
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OPPOSITION TO DIAZ'S MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA, EXCLUDE FROM INQUIRY AND LIMIT PRODUCTION

ROBERT BENNETT, Executive Director of the Nevada State Athletic Commission (the "Commission"), through legal counsel CHRISTOPHER ECCLES, Deputy Attorney General with the Nevada Attorney General's Office, hereby responds to NICK DIAZ'S (DIAZ'S) above-captioned Motion.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

DIAZ is licensed by the Commission and he competed in a professional mixed martial arts contest in Las Vegas on January 31, 2015 (the "Contest"). Executive Director Bennett filed the Complaint for Disciplinary Action (Complaint) against DIAZ on February 6, 2015 alleging that he violated the Commission's anti-doping regulations¹ and that he failed to

¹ Complaint, page 2, lines 10-16, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

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disclose his use of Marijuana on his Pre-Fight Medical Questionnaire.² The Commission placed DIAZ on temporary suspension during the February 17, 2015 agenda. The matter has been continued at DIAZ'S request to the Commission's September 14, 2015 agenda.

STATEMENT OF FACTS REGARDING THE SUBPOENA

On August 3, 2015, Francisco Aguilar, the Chairman of the Commission, subpoenaed DIAZ (August 3, 2015 Subpoena) commanding his production of chain-of-custody and urinalysis results for DIAZ'S urine specimens from the dates of January 13, 2015 through and including January 28, 2015.3 DIAZ was ordered to produce the documents by August 13, 2015, which was the date set for the disciplinary hearing.

At DIAZ's request the matter was again continued to the Commission's September 14, 2015 agenda. The Chairman then issued an Order Regarding the August 3, 2015 Subpoena, whereby he gave DIAZ more time—until August 28, 2015—to produce the documents.⁴

DIAZ filed this Motion today to evade production of relevant, non-confidential documents. Director Bennett respectfully asks the Commission to summarily deny the Motion based upon the arguments below.

III. **ARGUMENT**

DIAZ'S URINALYSES RESULTS BEFORE THE CONTEST ARE RELEVANT A. TO THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE COMPLAINT.

DIAZ argues that his urinalyses results before the Contest are not relevant. He ignores the fact that the Complaint alleges that he failed to disclose his use of Marijuana on his Pre-Fight Medical Questionnaire. The Questionnaire asks if the fighter has used any drug or medication within the prior 30 days. DIAZ answered "No" to these questions.⁶ The urinalyses results before the Contest are relevant to whether DIAZ he provided false information on his Pre-Fight Medical Questionnaire about his Marijuana use within the prior 30 days.

² DIAZ'S 2015 Pre-Fight Medical Questionnaire, attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

August 3, 2015 Subpoena, attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

Order re August 3, 2015 Subpoena, attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

⁵ Complaint, page 2, lines 12-13, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Exhibit 2, attached hereto.

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Moreover, Lloyd Pierson (Pierson), DIAZ's manager, on or about January 23, 2015, told the undersigned that DIAZ had problems obtaining a negative test result. This fact disproves DIAZ's argument that his tests before the Contest are confidential.

В. DIAZ'S URINALYSES **RESULTS BEFORE** DISCLOSED BY HIS REPRESENTATIVE CONFIDENTIAL.

Due to his 2012 Marijuana doping violation, the Commission ordered DIAZ to provide a negative urine test result before reapplying in Nevada.8 DIAZ did not file his application until January 28, 2015—only three days before the Contest.9 Why did he wait so long to apply for a license for the biggest fight of his life? The answer is simple: Because he could not pass the required urine test.

Thus, the week before the Contest, his manager reached out to the undersigned in order to resolve the issue. It was Pierson who disclosed that DIAZ had to take multiple tests in order to possibly obtain a negative result in the few remaining days before the Contest. In fact, Pierson raised the issue of DIAZ applying for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) due to his Marijuana use. 10

And now, DIAZ blithely argues that these results are confidential. He even asserts a commercial interest in preserving the confidentiality of failed urine tests disclosed by his own manager as part of the Commission's application process. In fact, DIAZ was desperate to get licensed for the biggest of his life. But he waited and waited until the eleventh hour to apply because he could not obtain the required clean drug test result and he even sought a TUE for his use of Marijuana.

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²⁶ E-mail to Lloyd Pierson, dated January 23, 2015, attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

Commission's Order re DIAZ'S 2012 Marijuana doping case, page 15, lines 20-22, attached hereto as Exhibit 6. 9 DIAZ'S 2015 Application, attached hereto as Exhibit 7.

Exhibit 5, attached hereto.

C. THE FACTS AND LAW SUPPORT DISCLOSURE OF THE DOCUMENTS AND DIAZ'S MOTION SHOULD BE SUMMARILY DENIED.

All relevant evidence is admissible, but the Commission need not strictly follow the rules of evidence that a court must follow.¹¹ But, the fact that the requested documents are relevant is already demonstrated by the allegations in the Complaint.

And finally, the purpose of the disciplinary hearing is for the Commission to address evidentiary issues and make finding of fact. DIAZ should not be allowed to evade production of relevant and non-confidential documents because they may or may not be admitted into evidence at the disciplinary hearing.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Executive Director respectfully requests that DIAZ'S Motion be summarily denied. Further, the Executive Director respectfully requests that the Commission proceed to a disciplinary hearing.

DATED this 4th day of September, 2015.

ADAM PAUL LAXALT

Attorney General

By:

CHRISTOPHER ECCLES
Deputy Attorney General

12 Id.: NAC 467.956, attached hereto as Exhibit 8.

¹¹ Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 467.936(4), attached hereto as Exhibit 8.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 1 I hereby certify that on the 4th day of September 2015, I served the foregoing 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OPPOSITION TO DIAZ'S MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA, 3 EXCLUDE FROM INQUIRY AND LIMIT PRODUCTION, by depositing a copy of the same in 4 the regular United States mail, postage prepaid, and E-Mail addressed as follows: 5 6 Lucas K. Middlebrook, Esq. Seham, Seham, Meltz & Petersen, LLP 7 445 Hamilton Avenue, Suite 1204 White Plains, NY 10601 8 Lmiddlebrook@ssmplaw.com 9 10 And to: 11 Alicia R. Ashcraft, Esq. 2300 West Sahara Ave., Ste. 800 Las Vegas, NV 89102 12 ashcrafta@ashcraftbarr.com 13 Melanie Hill, Esq. at: hillm@ashcraftbarr.com 14 And to: 15 An Employee of the Nevada Attorney General's Office 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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- The Urinalysis reflected the presence of Marijuana Metabolites. The results of the 6. Urinalysis are reflected in the Drug Detail Reports, and the reported quantitative value of Marijuana Metabolites in DIAZ'S specimen is > 300 ng / mL. Exhibit 3, attached hereto.
- Marijuana is a prohibited drug. Exhibit 4, attached hereto: World Anti-Doping Agency 7. 2015 Prohibited List, Substances and Methods Prohibited In-Competition, S8. Cannabinoids.
- DIAZ's positive result for Marijuana Metabolites indicates that he administered or used a prohibited substance before the Contest.
- 9. On his Pre-Fight Medical Questionnaire, sworn to under penalty of perjury, DIAZ failed to disclose his use of Cannabinoids. Exhibit 5, attached hereto.
- The administration of or use of any drug that has not been approved by the Commission by a Nevada licensed mixed martial artist is prohibited by the regulations of the Commission.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

- Based upon and incorporating by reference the foregoing Factual Allegations, the 11. Executive Director alleges that DIAZ violated NAC 467.850. NAC 467.850(1), (2), (5) and (6) provide in full as follows:
 - 1. The administration of or use of any:
 - (a) Alcohol;
 - (b) Stimulant; or
 - (c) Drug or injection that has not been approved by the commission, including, but not limited to, the drugs or injections listed in subsection 2, in any part of the body, either before or during a contest or exhibition, to or by any unarmed combatant, is prohibited.
 - 2. The following types of drugs, injections or stimulants are prohibited pursuant to subsection 1:
 - (f) Any drug identified on the most current edition of the Prohibited List published by the World Anti-Doping Agency, which is hereby adopted by reference. The most current

PRE-FIGHT MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

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12	THE NEVADA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION SENDS GREETINGS TO:						
13	NICK DIAZ, RESPONDENT.						
14	YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that all excuses set aside to personally appear at						
15	your disciplinary hearing scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time, at						
16	the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 4500, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.						
17	ADDITIONALLY, YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that all excuses set aside to						
18	obtain and produce the following documents on or before the time of the disciplinary hearing:						
19	Ten copies of all documents, including but not limited to, chain of custody and						
20	urinalysis results, for urine specimens related to Nick Diaz for the dates January 13, 2015						
21	through and including January 28, 2015. Respondent need not produce documents related to						
22	the urine specimens collected by the Commission's representative on January 18, 2015						
23	identified by specimen numbers: S006102594, S006102602, and S006102610.						
24	Signed this 370 day of August 2015.						
25	ATHLETIC COMMISSION						
26	By: FRANCISCO V. AGUILAR, CHAIRMAN						
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BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Christopher A. Eccles

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Sent:

Friday, January 23, 2015 8:30 PM

To:

lloydpierson@

Subject:

FW: NV State Athletic Commission - TUE docs

Liyod,

I left a voice message for you. As we discussed earlier, Nick needs to provide that negative drugs of abuse test result to the Commission as soon as possible. The cut off for marijuana is 150 ng / mL, so to be negative, he needs to be at 149 or less ng / mL of delta-9-THC. Given the time constraints, Nick should drop specimens immediately, every day for the next several days if need be. Call me if you have questions. Me cell is

Thanks.

Chris Eccles

Deputy Attorney General

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From: Christopher A. Eccles

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 11:29 AM

To: 'lloydpierson@

Cc: Deisi Negron (dnegron@boxing.nv.gov)

Subject: NV State Athletic Commission - TUE docs

Mr. Pierson.

I am legal counsel for the Commission. I was told that you are legal counsel for Mr. Diaz. Please let me know if that is correct or if you represent Mr. Diaz in another capacity. Please see the attached documents and call me at as soon as possible.

Robert Bennett is the Commission's Executive Director. Thus, when providing the completed forms to the Commission please e-mail them to the Commission and copy me.

Thank you,

Chris Eccles Deputy Attorney General

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or otherwise discipline or take any combination of such actions against a licensee who has, in the judgment of the commission: . . .

- 2. Violated any provision of this chapter [467];
- 3. Provided false or misleading information to the Commission or a representative of the Commission;
- 5. Conducted himself at any time or place in a manner which is deemed by the commission to reflect discredit to unarmed combat
- 106. Diaz violated NAC 467.885(3) by providing false or misleading information to the Commission or a representative of the Commission by his answers to questions on his Pre-Fight Medical Questionnaire dated February 3, 2012, referenced in paragraph 54 above.
- 107. Diaz is subject to a fine, and his license to compete is subject to suspension, due to his violations of NAC 467.850, NAC 467.885, and NAC 467.886.

III. ORDER

- IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by unanimous decision of the Commission, that:
 - 108. Diaz's license to compete shall be suspended through February 4, 2013, which is 12 months from the date of the Contest.
 - 109. Diaz shall pay a fine in the amount of \$79,500.00 to the State of Nevada, which is 30% of his purse for the Contest.
 - 110. Diaz shall provide the Commission with a negative urine test upon filing his next application for an unarmed combatant's license, which can occur no earlier than February 4, 2013.

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By: SKIP AVANSINO, CHAIRMAN





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NAC 467.936 Procedure for hearing; rules of evidence. (NRS 467.030) At a hearing before the Commission:

- 1. Oral evidence may be taken only upon oath or affirmation administered by the Commission.
 - 2. Each party has the right to:
 - (a) Call and examine witnesses;
- (b) Introduce exhibits relevant to the issues of the case, including the transcript of testimony at an investigative hearing conducted by or on behalf of the Commission;
- (c) Cross-examine opposing witnesses on matters relevant to the issues of the case, even though the matter was not covered in a direct examination;
- (d) Impeach a witness regardless of which party first called him or her to testify; and
 - (e) Offer rebuttal evidence.
- 3. If the respondent does not testify on his or her own behalf, a party may call the respondent and examine him or her as if under cross-examination.
- 4. The Commission need not follow the rules of evidence that a court must follow. All evidence that the Commission determines to be relevant and submitted in accordance with the requirements of this chapter is admissible. If the Commission determines that the evidence is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs, the Commission may use that evidence alone to support a finding of fact.

(Added to NAC by Athletic Comm'n by R083-00, eff. 9-22-2000)

NAC 467.956 Evidentiary standard for findings of fact. (NRS 467.030) The Commission will base its findings of fact made pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 467.113 upon an evidentiary standard in which the evidence, when considered and compared with that opposed to it, has more convincing force and produces in the minds of the members of the Commission a belief that what is sought to be proved is more likely true than not true.

(Added to NAC by Athletic Comm'n by R083-00, eff. 9-22-2000)