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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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#### BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:		)	HPA Docket No. 17-0046
		)	HPA Docket No. 17-0047
	BARBARA CIVILS, an individual;	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0048
	BERRY DAVIS COFFEY, an individual,	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0049
	also known as DAVE COFFEY;	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0050
	DICK PEEBLES, an individual;	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0051
	SHARON PEEBLES, an individual;	)	
	CASSIE SLAGLE; an individual; and	)	
	RODNEY SLAGLE, an individual,	)	
		)	CONSENT DECISION AND
	Respondents.	)	ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT
		)	BERRY DAVIS COFFEY

This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. § 1821 et seq.)(HPA or Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (APHIS), on December 23, 2016, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Berry Davis Coffey admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint, specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, and waives oral hearing and further procedure. The parties consent and agree to the entry of this decision for the purpose of settling this proceeding as to respondent Coffey, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by him occurring up to and including September 4, 2017. This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

### Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Berry Davis Coffey, also known as Dave Coffey, is an individual residing in and at all times mentioned herein was a "person" and an "exhibitor," as those terms are defined in the regulations promulgated under the Act (9 C.F.R. Parts 11 and 12).

2. On or about August 25, 2016, respondent Berry Davis Coffey allowed the entry of a horse he owned (Swish the Net), for the purpose of showing the horse, in class 26A in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

## Conclusion of Law

Respondent Berry Davis Coffey having admitted the findings of fact set forth above, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

#### Order

- 1. Respondent Berry Davis Coffey is disqualified for four months, beginning January 1, 2018, and ending April 30, 2018, from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device.
- 2. Respondent Berry Davis Coffey is assessed a civil penalty of \$550, which shall be paid by October 1, 2017, by check made payable to USDA/APHIS, indicating that the payment is in reference to HPA Docket No. 17-0047, and sent to:

USDA, APHIS, MISCELLANEOUS P.O. Box 979043 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

The provisions of this order shall become final and effective as of September 4, 2017.

This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the

<sup>&</sup>quot;Participating" means engaging in any activity beyond that of a spectator in connection with a horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, and includes, without limitation, transporting or arranging for the transportation of horses to or from equine events, personally giving instructions to exhibitors, being present in the warm-up or inspection areas, or in any area where spectators are not allowed, and financing the participation of others in equine events.

parties.

Berry Davis Coffey Respondent

Colleen A. Carroll Attorney for Complainant

Thomas B. Kakassy Attorney for Respondent

Done at Washington, D.C., this 20 day of 2017

Channing D. Strother Administrative Law Judge

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Berry Davis Coffey, a/k/a Dave Coffey, Respondent

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Having personal knowledge of the foregoing, I declare under penalty of perjury that the information herein is true and correct and this is to certify that a copy of the (SIGNED) CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT BERRY DAVIS COFFEY has been furnished and was served upon the following parties on September 21, 2017 by the following:

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