



BOARD OF JUDGES RULING

Kentucky Horse Racing & Gaming

4047 Iron Works Parkway

Lexington KY 40511

Name: Burton Leslie
Last First Middle
USTA# 159C01 Occupation: Trainer
Violation: Post Race Positive – Class A
Violation Date: 4/7/2026 Ruling Date: 7/13/2026

Narrative

Mr. Leslie Burton is the listed trainer of #8 Giganthor who was in the 5th race at Oak Grove on 4/7/2026 and subject to post race testing. Sample E620379 that was sent to Industrial Laboratories confirmed on 5/4/2026 Suzetrigine in the blood which is listed as a Class A medication under ARCI guidelines, violating 810 KAR 8:020 Section 1 – 2 – B. Mr. Burton requested a split sample, that was sent on 5/27/2026 to EQIAS Labs. Their report dated 6/17/2026 confirmed Suzetrigine in the blood. In the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, a trainer shall be responsible for the presence of a prohibited drug, medication, substance, or metabolic derivative, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable concentration, in a horse in his care as stated in 810 KAR 8:010 Section 16 – 2. After a hearing before the Board of Judges on 7/8/2026, and considering all the evidence and testimony, the Board of Judges do find that Mr. Burton has violated 810 KAR Chapter 8. Mr. Burton is fined \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) and issued a Suspension for 365 Days from 7/22/2026 through 7/21/2027. However, considering mitigating circumstances, the Board of Judges do hold \$5,000 (Five Thousand) Dollars and 185 (One Hundred Eighty-Five) Days in abeyance if no further medication violations of Class A, B, or C occur within the date range of 1/18/2027 through 7/21/2027. If a medication violation occurs within these dates, any penalty issued will include the fine and days held in abeyance. Furthermore, #8 Giganthor is disqualified and placed 9th and the purse of \$3,500 (Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) is ordered to be returned and redistributed. During the first 180 days of his suspension, Mr. Leslie Burton is denied the privileges of all facilities under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation. Entry of all horses owned or trained by Mr. Burton is denied pending transfer to persons acceptable to KHRG judges.

Violation Law:

- 810 KAR 8:020 Section 1 – 2 – B
- 810 KAR 8:010 Section 16 – 2

ALL FINES ARE DUE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THIS RULING

ANY APPEAL OF THIS ORDER MUST BE DELIVERED IN WRITING TO THE KHRG WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE RULING DATE

Ruling # OG2026-047

Suspension: 7/22/2026 through 1/17/2027 Total Days: 180

Fine: \$5000.00

Casey Larson
KHRG Presiding Judge

Jeff James
KHRG Associate Judge

Dave Magee
Association Associate Judge



Report Of Postive Medication Violation

Response Due Date → 5/8/2026

Trainer	Horse	Date of Sample
<u>Leslie Burton</u>	<u>Giganthor</u>	<u>4/7/2026</u>
Substance	Level	Threshold
<u>Suzetrigine (Class A)</u>	<u>Presence</u>	<u>Presence</u>
Sample Number	Sample Type	Test Type
<u>E620379</u>	<u>Blood</u>	<u>Post Race</u>

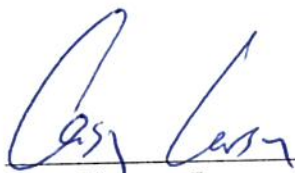
I Leslie Burton (TRAINER) herby understand my rights to a split sample. I am choosing from the options below.



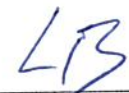
I DO HEREBY WAIVE MY RIGHT TO A SPLIT SAMPLE ANALYSIS



I DO HEREBY WANT THE KHRG OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TO REQUEST AN ACCREDITED LAB TO TEST THE SPLIT SAMPLE AT WHICH I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS AND WILL SUBMIT CERTIFIED PAYMENT AT TIME OF SHIPMENT


Casey Larson
KHRG Presiding Judge

5/5/2026
Date


Trainer

5-6-26
Date

Via Phone

11:30 AM



Industrial Laboratories

Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation
105 Walter Garrett Lane
Oak Grove, Kentucky 42262

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Report # Rpt-260504067

Page 1 of 1

Date of Report:

May 04, 2026

FINAL POSITIVE REPORT

I hereby certify that The Industrial Laboratories Company has analyzed the sample identified below :

Sample ID:	E620379	Sample Type:	Blood & Urine
Collected At:	Oak Grove	Test Type:	Post-Race*
Collection Date:	April 7, 2026	Sex/Gender:	Gelding*
		Authorized Medication:	N/A*

Date Received:	April 8, 2026	Seal Number:	4018806*
Sample Condition:	Acceptable/Secure	Laboratory ID:	260408032-020

The sample was held for further testing based on the results of the screening tests conducted from: April 9, 2026 to April 17, 2026.

Confirmatory testing using Liquid Chromatography - Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) gave the following result(s)**:

ADVERSE ANALYTICAL FINDING

Suzetrigine confirmed in Blood.

Comment(s): No Hydrolysis

SIGNED:

Petra Hartmann

Petra Hartmann

Director - Drug Testing Services

Date: 5/4/2026

* This information was provided by the submitting party

** Industrial Laboratories does not make any recommendations regarding follow-up actions in response to this result.

Sample confirmed using Method(s): IL-DTS-S-002,
IL-DTS-M-074

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Submission of samples is considered a contracting service and this acknowledges and accepts
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E620379

APR 07 2019

Collection Date APR 07 2019

Blood ☒	Urine ☒	Hair ☐	Contraband ☐	Other ☐
Bute ☐	Keto ☐	Flunixin ☐	Furosemide ☐	
Claim ☐	Injury ☐	Work ☐	Research ☐	OOB ☐ Post-race ☒ TCO ₂ ☐

8 Name Gigantor

Tattoo No. WZ: 855385

Color B Sex G Age 4

Finish Sp. Race 5

Track Oak Grove

Trainer L. Burton

Blood Sampled By [Signature] (Signature)

Urine Sampled By [Signature] (Signature)

Other Sampled By [Signature] (Signature)

Witness [Signature] (Signature Trainer, Owner or Representative)

Witness License # 635420

Remarks _____

Client Copy

INDUSTRIAL LABORATORIES

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Kentucky Horse Racing Commission
Official Test Barn Report

John Peloso DVM

Test Barn Supervisor (Print)

Test Barn Supervisor (Signature)

Date: April 7, 2026

6th day of racing at Oak Grove

PG 1/2

SAMPLE NUMBER	RACE	FINISH	BUCKET NUMBER	HORSE	GENDER	TRAINER	SALIX ADMIN	BLOOD	UA	RED/GOLD DESIGNATION
E620374	1	1		FUN IN THE SUN	M	T. DINGES	X	X	X	
E620375	2	1		JULIE PALEMA	F	J. MILLER		X	X	
E620376	3	1		HEKNOWSALLTHETRIX	G	M. MURPHY		X	X	
E620377	4	1		SERIOUS MIKI	G	J. PUTNAM		X	X	
E620378	5	1		FOX VALLEY COMPASS	G	J. PATTON	X	X	X	
E620379	5	SP		GIGANTHOR	G	L. BURTON		X	X	
E620380	6	1		THAT'S THE STAR	G	J. PATTON		X	X	
E620381	6	SP		SO I LIKEIT DIRTY	H	J. NASH	X	X	X	
E620382	7	1		DONTINVITE MEIN	M	O. PHILLIPS	X	X	X	
E620383	8	1		ODDS ON PYTHON	G	R. LAFFOON	X	X	X	

Comments:

Injured Horse(s)

Work Horse(s)

Kentucky Horse Racing Commission

4063 Iron Works Parkway, Bldg. B

Lexington, KY 40511

859-246-2040

Sample Number: E620379

Date Collected: April 7, 2026

Racetrack Collected: Oak Grove

The above sample was maintained in a Refrigerated condition, at
Oak Grove

The primary sample was reported to contain the following:

Suzetrigine

The split sample will be analyzed by: EQ11AS Labs, Lexington KY

The split sample was shipped in container identified as Cooler 21-1256

With security seal number 4018849

With invoice number N/A Hand Delivered on 5/27/2026 by Casey Larson
(date)

KHRC Representative: Sarah Padilla DVM

Signature: [Signature]

KHRC Title: Veterinarian

Date: 5-26-2026

Trainer or Representative: [Signature]

Signature: Leslie Burton

Witness, if present: [Signature]

(signature)

Date: 5-26-26



EQIAS Labs

824 Bull Lea Run, Suite 105
Lexington, Kentucky 40511
(859) 316-6229

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Kentucky Horse Racing & Gaming Commission

Confidential Test Report

Test Panel:	B Sample	Collection Date:	07-APR-2026
Lab ID:	15439	Lab Receipt Date:	27-MAY-2026
Specimen ID:	E620379	Report Date:	17-JUN-2026
Event Type:		Species:	Equine
Mission Ref #:	Split - Suzetrigine (QL)	Gender:	
Container:	ALIQ-SER 15439-	Sample Matrix:	Blood

Result: Adverse analytical finding

Analysis Method(s): Solid Phase Extraction with Liquid Chromatography - Tandem Mass Spectrometry

Comment: The above sample was analyzed using documented methods without hydrolysis. The sample contained Suzetrigine. Confirmatory data supporting the finding was reviewed for accuracy by two separate certifying scientists. The report shall not be reproduced, except in full with prior written authorization.

Unless otherwise noted the condition of the specimen was acceptable when received at the laboratory.

Mallory Morris

Certifier

Signature

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Date

Accredited by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium. Accredited by the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit.

Accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation as compliant with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2017, Testing Certificate 2838.01.

The results contained herein relate only to the items tested. This report shall not be reproduced, except in full, without the expressed written consent of the Laboratory.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: RMTC Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Hardy, DVM, Executive Director

DATE: March 17, 2026

RE: *Suzetrigine*

Suzetrigine (VX-548, Journavx) is a nonopioid analgesic. It is an orally available Nav1.8 channel inhibitor, designed to target nociceptive pathways at the peripheral level.

Mechanism of Action: The Nav1.8 channel, expressed predominately in sensory neurons, plays a critical role in transmitting pain signals. By selectively blocking this channel, Suzetrigine interrupts pain transmission without engaging central nervous system mechanisms that underlie sedation, respiratory suppression, or addiction.

Suzetrigine received FDA approval, January 2025, for treatment of acute moderate-to-severe pain in adults. Its use has not been investigated, and safety and efficacy data do not exist in the horse. In consideration of its mechanism of action, there are safety concerns related to its potential to mask pain and further affect the outcome of competition in racing.

Suzetrigine is not listed in ARCI's Uniform Classification of Foreign Substances, so pursuant to ARCI Model Rules, this substance would be assigned 1A by default.

Subsequently, the SAC completed its review of this substance and voted unanimously, Friday, January 30th, to recommend a 2/A classification for Suzetrigine.

Recommendation: 2/A

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OAK GROVE RACING & GAMING

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
1 MILE PACE
PURSE \$14,000

Non-Winners 2 (KY and F&M 3) Ext. PM Races Lifetime

EXACTA, TRIFE
\$.10 SUPERFEC

Date	Trk	Purse	FL UD	TC	Time	Det	Med	Cim	Class	Dis	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Ind	Ind 1/4	Ind	Trn	Order of Finish
																				First Second Third
RED	JD LEWIS (65) blu-go-wh (1-0-1-0-556)																			
1	MY UPTOWN WISH	LAST 4 STARTS-\$7,750																		
4-1		3-23 26 70akGr 12000 ft 85																		
		3-17 26 70akGr 12000 ft 90																		
		7-21 25 3Lex1 6000 ft 83																		
		7-15 25 60akGr 13000 ft 89																		
		6-25 25130akGr 14000 ft 95																		
		6-9 25 20akGr 14000 gd71-1																		
BLUE	MARCUS MILLER (36) blk-wh-c red (221-19-20-28-178)																			
2	RK'SMACK (L)	LAST 4 STARTS-\$7,750																		
3-1		3-30 26 10akGr 12000 ft 73																		
		3-24 26 10akGr 12000 ft 75																		
		3-1 26 6TeM 150 gd70-2																		
		11-22 25 9HoP 7500 ft 40																		
		11-15 2510Haw1 116000 ft 55																		
		11-7 25 9Haw1 20000 ft 55																		
WHITE	TERRY SKINNER (37) *blu-or (3-0-1-1-296)																			
3	MISTER HERCULES (L)	LAST 4 STARTS-\$10,625																		
6-1		3-15 2620TeM 250 gd80-2																		
		10-28 25130akGr 13000 ft 57																		
		10-18 25 6Cbrn 13000 ft 81																		
		10-4 25 3Lex1 8000 ft 73																		
		9-26 25 5Lex1 10300 ft 68																		
		6-9 25 80akGr 13000 ft 71																		
GREEN	JAMAAL DENSON (29) *blu-go-wh (36-7-7-6-358)																			
4	FOX VALLEY YORK (L)	LAST 4 STARTS-\$2,890																		
15-1		3-31 26 80akGr 13000 ft 82																		
		3-12 26 40akGr 1147																		
		10-28 2510Cbrn 17000 ft 57																		
		10-18 25 6Cbrn 17000 ft 81																		
		10-4 25 7Lex1 10300 ft 81																		
		9-26 25 5Lex1 10300 ft 77																		
BLACK	ARCHIE BUFORD (39) grn-or-wh (21-5-11-3-577)																			
5	LYLE (KY) (L)	LAST 4 STARTS-\$1,520																		
8-1		3-15 2613TeM 200 gd80-2																		
		12-6 2513M 9500 ft 34																		
		11-29 25 5M 14500 ft 38																		
		11-20 25 7M 25000 ft 40																		
		11-13 25 5M 17500 ft 45-1																		
		11-8 25 3M 1147																		
YELLOW	JOSEF FONSECA (37) blk-grn-wh (4-1-1-1-472)																			
6	MR MATTJESTY (L)	LAST 4 STARTS-\$6,062																		
9-2		3-30 26 50akGr 12000 ft 75																		
		3-12 2612HoP 10000 ft 38																		
		3-1 26 5TeM 250 gd70-2																		
		9-7 2514Lex1 6600 ft 62																		
		8-24 2514Lex1 6600 ft 69																		
		8-17 2513Lex1 6000 ft 83																		
PURPLE	MATT KRUEGER (51) s red-wh (12-0-1-2-102)																			
7	FOX VALLEY COMPASS (L)	LAST 4 STARTS-\$3,462																		
8-1		3-31 26 20akGr 14000 ft 82																		
		3-17 26 10akGr 1147																		
		2-26 2610HoP 11000 ft 38																		
		2-19 26 8HoP 12500 sy56																		
		2-11 26 3HoP 1147																		
		12-21 25 1Haw1 5200 ft 30																		
GRAY	BRANDON BATES (50) pur-wh-k grn (171-18-16-21-198)																			
8	GIGANTHOR	LAST 4 STARTS-\$14,500																		
12-1		3-31 26 20akGr 14000 ft 82																		
		3-17 26 10akGr 1147																		
		3-7 26 4Hksv1 gd78-1																		
		11-3 25 6Cbrn 13000 ft 52																		
		10-27 25 9Cbrn 13000 sy56-2																		
		10-18 25 3Cbrn 16000 ft 81																		
PURPLE	TYLER MILLER (28) blk-or-wh (112-2-6-8-071)																			
9	HE IS STINGIN (KY)	LAST 4 STARTS-\$7,760																		
6-1		3-31 26 20akGr 14000 ft 82																		
		3-25 26 60akGr 1147																		
		12-24 2514Ph 10500 ft 48																		
		12-11 25 4Ph 10500 ft 36																		
		11-30 2514Ph 11000 gd41																		
		11-25 25 5YR 15000 gd51-1																		

MORNING LINE: 2-1-6-3

Driver Selections
Marcus Miller: #2 over #8

2x 100' Dr'

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Disqualification Order Of Finish

Date → 4/7/2026

Track → Oak Grove

Race → 5th

New Order

Post	Horse	Finish
1	My Uptown Wish	8 th placed 7 th
2	RK'sMack	6 th placed 5 th
3	Mister Hercules	5 th placed 4 th
4	Fox Valley York	4 th placed 3 rd
5	Lyle	7 th placed 6 th
6	Mr Mattjesty	9 th placed 8 th
7	Fox Valley Compass	1 st
8	Giganthor	2 nd DQ placed 9 th
9	He Is Stingin	3 rd placed 2 nd

Casey Larson

KHRG Presiding Judge

6/28/2026

Date