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APPEAL DECISION

BEN THOMPSON and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 20 December 2017

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair)

Appearances: Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the stewards.

Adrian Anderson of counsel appeared on behalf of Mr Thompson.

At Caufield on Saturday 16 December 2017, apprentice jockey Ben Thompson was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Written in Stone* in Race 2 the *Moorookyle Park Handicap* (1200m).

The carelessness being that near the 300m he permitted his mount to shift out from behind *Sacred Sham (NZ)* when not clear of *Good Therapy* resulting in that horse being checked severely.

Mr Thompson had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 17 December 2017 and to expire at midnight on Friday, 29 December 2017 – a total of 12 race meetings (3 metro, 9 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account that the carelessness was in the midrange.

A Notice of Appeal against the **decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday 18 December 2017. A stay of proceedings was not required.

DECISION: Appeal against decision dismissed.

Appeal against severity of penalty dismissed.

Penalty to remain standing.

Registrar
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