

Subject of Appeal:	Misinformation	Case:	N7
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Event	Silodor Open Pairs	Event DIC	Candace Kushner
Date	03/18/2016	Session	First Final


Auction

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Dbl	2♦ ¹	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Intended as Two Way Drury

Hand Record

Board	5	N	Daniel Friedman
Dealer	N	♠	K753
		♥	6
Vul	N/S	♦	KJ109
		♣	KJ96
W	Cenk Tuncok		
♠	AJ10		
♥	Q8732		
♦	732		
♣	A5	E	Justin Howard
		♠	Q62
		♥	KJ10
		♦	Q6
		♣	Q10874
		S	Linda Friedman
		♠	984
		♥	A954
		♦	A854
		♣	32

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
2♥ by W	Down 1	N/S +50	

Facts Determined at the Table

South summoned the director following the opening lead and dummy being displayed. There had been no alert of the 2♦ bid. She stated that if she had been made aware that it was artificial, she would have doubled to show a diamond holding. She also stated that she would have doubled 2♥ in pass out seat with proper knowledge. East/West were a new partnership, and while they did have the agreement to play Two Way Drury without interference, they had not discussed whether it applied over a double. East admitted that he made the bid hoping it applied. West said to the table before the opening lead that he thought 2♦ might have been a heart raise. Neither North nor South asked about the 2♦ bid during the auction.

Director Ruling

While E/W did have an agreement in place for an unopposed auction, they had not discussed if that agreement was still in place with interference. As there was no agreement, no alert was necessary. Per Law 75C, this would be a mistaken call rather than a misinformation. N/S received the correct explanation and alert of the actual E/W agreement, and have no claim to an accurate description of the E/W hands or a score adjustment.

Director's Ruling	2♥ by W, Down 1, N/S +50
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The Appeal

N/S appealed the ruling and attended the committee. South repeated what she had told the director: If she had known that 2♦ was artificial she would have doubled it, and failing that she would have doubled 2♥ in pass out seat. North, when asked what he would have done if South had doubled 2♦, said that he still would have passed 2♥.

Committee Findings

Given that North would have passed even if South had doubled 2♦, there was no basis for overturning the director's ruling. Since this part of the testimony did not come out until the hearing, the appeal (barely) had merit.

The Committee noted that E/W, a new partnership, were awkwardly placed about whether to alert an agreement that each of them were uncertain that they were playing. The standard advice is "when in doubt, alert", but doing that offers no guarantee of avoiding potential problems of both misinformation and unauthorized information.

The Committee also observed that South could have doubled 2♦ no matter what it meant.

Committee Decision	2♥ by W, Down 1, N/S +50
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Committee Members

Chair	Bart Bramley
Member	Jeff Aker
Member	James Thurtell
Member	Migry Zur-Campanile
Member	Greg Herman