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**WEEKLY UPDATE**

(Note: The penalty guidelines approved by the Board in April are still under review by the Office of Administrative Law, so they are not yet in effect. These rulings were made independently of those guidelines.)

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board’s weekly update of complaints, accusations, stewards rulings, and Board decisions involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

The stewards at Los Alamitos suspended owner Rafael Sanchez for 30 days (June 1-30) and fined him \$2,000 for violation of CHRB Rule 1843 (a) (d) and pursuant to Rule 1900 after the Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, confirmed the presence of caffeine and caffeine metabolites (theophylline, theobromine, and paraxantine) – Class 2 – and a dipyrrone metabolite (4-methylaminoantipryrine) – Class 4 – in the post-race sample of Spanish Tass, a horse he owns. Dipyrrone is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory and spasmolytic drug once commonly used in equine veterinary medicine. Spanish Tass finished first in the second race at Los Alamitos on November 17, 2006. The stewards disqualified Spanish Tass and ordered a redistribution of the purse. The stewards issued a \$2,500 fine to Eloy Navarro, the trainer of Spanish Tass, for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887.

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