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WEEKLY UPDATE: AUGUST 1 – 7, 2011

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

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the California Horse Racing Board and trainer Jesus Nunez, the stewards at Los Alamitos suspended Nunez for 180 days and fined him \$7,500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1844 (e) (9) (f) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood and urine samples from three horses in his care, A Mere Chocolate, Check N Out Sammies, and Timberman, contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. Iowa State University confirmed all three split samples. These are Class 3 violations. Pursuant to the agreement, the stewards stayed 90 days of the suspension provided Nunez has no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. Nunez began serving the remaining 90 days of his suspension on August 8. A Mere Chocolate finished third in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on March 19, 2011. Check N Out Sammies finished fifth in the seventh race at Los Alamitos on March 20, 2011. Timberman finished first in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on March 18, 2011. In earlier rulings, the stewards disqualified all three horses and ordered the redistribution of those purses.

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