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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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WEEKLY UPDATE

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Horse Racing Board has filed an accusation against trainer Gregory Vartanian for violation of Rules 1843(a,b,c,d), 1843.1(a,b), 1887(a,b), and 1859.5 after a horse in his care, Youandiatdelmar, which finished second in the first race at Santa Anita Park on March 30, 2006, tested positive for the Class 1 prohibited substance methamphetamine in the post-race urine sample.

The Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis, the CHRB's official laboratory, reported the findings, while Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology and Research Laboratory, the split sample laboratory selected by the licensee, confirmed the Maddy Laboratory results. A hearing has not been scheduled.

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