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WEEKLY UPDATE

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.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and Rene Amescua, the stewards at Santa Anita Park fined the trainer \$1,500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) and 1887 after a horse in his care, At a Boy Luther, tested positive for scopolamine – an anticholinergic drug that is also the toxic agent in the poisonous plant Jimson weed. This was a Class 3 violation. At a Boy Luther finished second in the fourth race at Hollywood Park on December 1, 2005. The stewards disqualified At a Boy Luther and ordered a redistribution of the purse. Pursuant to the stipulated agreement, the stewards stayed the fine, provided Amescua has no additional Class 1, 2, or 3 violations for one year.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and Kevin Lewis, the stewards at Santa Anita Park fined the trainer \$1,500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) and 1887 after a horse in his care, Bless Idbyour Name, tested positive for scopolamine, a Class 3 violation. Bless Idbyour Name finished first in the sixth race at Del Mar on August 21, 2005. The stewards disqualified Bless Idbyour Name and ordered a redistribution of the purse. Pursuant to the stipulated agreement, the stewards stayed the fine, provided Lewis has no additional Class 1, 2, or 3 violations for one year.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Gary Stute for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1843.1 (a) (b), 1843.6 (d) (1) (2), 1859.5, and 1887 after a horse in his care, Theory, exceeded the regulatory threshold of 37.0mm/l for total carbon dioxide (TCO₂). This is a Class 3 violation. Theory finished third in the sixth race at Bay Meadows on February 28, 2007. A hearing date has not been set.

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