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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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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.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Thomas Bell II for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (7), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, reported that a sample taken from a horse in his care, Zanda Blue, exceeded the regulatory threshold for procaine. The finding was confirmed by Iowa State University Racing Chemistry Laboratory. Procaine is a local anesthetic and is found in procaine penicillin G, a commonly administered antibiotic. For this reason procaine is a Class 3 violation rather than a Class 2 violation, as are most other anesthetics. Zanda Blue finished first in the first race at Hollywood Park on July 2, 2008. The stewards at Del Mar have scheduled a hearing on August 27.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Adan Farias for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d), 1844 (e) (f), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, reported the blood and urine samples taken from Wild Choice, a horse in his care, exceeded the regulatory threshold for clenbuterol. Farias declined a split sample analysis. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses and is a Class 3 violation. Wild Choice finished first in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on July 11, 2008. A hearing will be scheduled after Farias completes a 30-day suspension that he currently is serving for his last clenbuterol violation. This complaint will be his third clenbuterol violation in 2008.

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