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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 Mike Mitchell for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, reported that a sample taken from a horse in his care, Scat Thief, exceeded the regulatory threshold for procaine. The violation was confirmed by Truesdail Laboratories. 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. Scat Thief finished third in the seventh race at Del Mar on August 3, 2008. The stewards have scheduled a hearing for October 11 at Santa Anita Park.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Sean McLaughlin for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d), 1843.2, 1859.5, and 1887 after the Ken Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the urine sample collected from a horse in his care, Dab of Lightning, contained 3-hydroxy lidocaine. Industrial Laboratory confirmed the presence of 3-hydroxy lidocaine in the split sample. 3-hydroxy lidocaine is the major urinary metabolite of lidocaine, a local anesthetic. This is a Class 2 violation. Dab of Lightning finished first in the ninth race at the Solano County Fair on July 20, 2008. The stewards have scheduled a hearing October 31, 2008, at Golden Gate Fields.

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