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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 California Horse Racing Board has filed a complaint against trainer Scott Willoughby for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample taken from Some Great Catch, a horse in his care, contained Gabapentin. Gabapentin is a drug having multiple pharmacological uses, including pain-specific analgesic activity. Gabapentin is sold as Neurotonin for human use. Gabapentin is a Class 3 drug and a Category B penalty. Some Great Catch finished first in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on December 18, 2008. The stewards at Los Alamitos have scheduled a hearing on March 20.

In a case presented by CHRB investigators to the Office of the Los Angeles County District Attorney, a felony complaint has been filed against trainer Zvi Henry Kriple alleging violation of Penal Code Section 597 (b). The complaint alleges that Kriple, a trainer at Fairplex Park, had custody of a pony and that Kriple “did unlawfully subject said animal to needless suffering, inflicted cruelty upon said animal, and failed to provide said animal with proper food, drink, and sustenance.” CHRB investigators developed the case, took the matter to the district attorney for prosecution, obtained an arrest warrant, and arrested Kriple on February 21.

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