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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 stewards at Los Alamitos suspended trainer Cirilo Sierra for 30 days and issued a \$500 fine for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample taken from Dixies Mystery, 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. Dixies Mystery finished first in the first race at Los Alamitos on July 11, 2009. The stewards disqualified Dixies Mystery and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Los Alamitos suspended assistant trainer Jorge Farias for one year for violation of CHRB Rules 1890 (possession of contraband) and 1902 (conduct detrimental to horse racing). During the term of the suspension (September 17, 2009, through September 16, 2010, Farias is denied access to all premises in the CHRB’s jurisdiction.

The CHRB has filed a complaint against jockey Joel Rosario for violation of CHRB Rules 1894, 1692, and 1902. The complaint contends that Rosario did not put forward his best effort into riding Cedros to the finish line in the 11th race at Del Mar Race Track on September 6, 2009. The hearing is scheduled before the stewards at Fairplex on September 23.

The CHRB has filed a complaint against trainer Dean Frey for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (a), 1859.5, and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample taken from Bessemer, a horse in his care, contained gabapentin. A split sample was declined by the trainer. Bessemer finished second in the third race at the Alameda County Fair meet on July 18, 2009. The stewards at Los Alamitos have scheduled a hearing on September 25.

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