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WEEKLY UPDATE: AUGUST 22 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly update of all complaints and stewards' rulings involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

Acting on a decision of the California Horse Racing Board to adopt the recommended decision of a hearing officer, the stewards at Los Alamitos suspended trainer Miguel Rodriguez for 45 days and fined him \$1,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1844 (b) (e) (9) (f) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood and urine samples from a horse in his care, Dash Beduina, contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. Rodriguez began serving his 45-day suspension August 30. Dash Beduina finished first in the ninth race at Los Alamitos on April 1, 2011. In an earlier ruling, the steward disqualified Dash Beduina and ordered the redistribution of that purse.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Ugo DeLaTorre alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1844 (f) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood sample from a horse in his care, One Ramblin Lady, contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. One Ramblin Lady finished first in the ninth race at Los Alamitos on June 10, 2011. A hearing with the stewards at Los Alamitos for DeLaTorre is pending.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Felipe Quintero alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1843 (a) (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample from a horse in his care, Devil Ridge, contained pentazocine. Pentazocine is a synthetic agonist-antagonist narcotic analgesic. The drug is approved by the FDA for use in horses for pain relief under the brand name Talwin-V. Quintero declined a split sample analysis. Devil Ridge finished first in the sixth race at Los Alamitos on April 17, 2011. The stewards at Los Alamitos have scheduled a September 9 hearing.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Art Riesgo alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1843 (a) (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample from a horse in his care, Bonos Edge of Time, contained hydroxyzine. A complaint against owner Salvador Bravo alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (a) (b) and 1887 (a) was filed in the same case. Hydroxyzine is a medication prescribed for chronic allergies. This is a Class 2

violation. Bonos Edge of Time finished third in the first race at the California State Fair on July 16, 2011. In a separate ruling, the stewards at Cal Expo disqualified Bonos Edge of Time and ordered the redistribution of the purse. The stewards at the Big Fresno Fair have scheduled an October 8 hearing.

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