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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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WEEKLY UPDATE: NOVEMBER 7 – 20, 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.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Ruben Gomez alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a&d) and 1844 (b),(e)(9)&(f) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the blood and urine samples collected from Mr River of Dreams, a horse in his care, 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. Mr. River of Dreams finished sixth in the fourth race at the Los Angeles County Fair on September 25, 2011. The stewards at Hollywood Park subsequently disqualified Mr River of Dreams and ordered the redistribution of the purse. The stewards at Hollywood Park have scheduled a December 3 hearing for Gomez.

The stewards at Los Alamitos disqualified Freaky and ordered the redistribution of the purse for the ninth race at Los Alamitos on September 11, 2011, after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the blood and urine samples collected from Freaky 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. Freaky finished first in that September 11 race. A hearing is pending for trainer Sergio Fiscal.

The racing commissioners, meeting in executive session November 17, 2011, accepted the proposed decision of administrative law judge Rebecca Westmore upholding the April 1, 2011, ruling of the stewards at Golden Gate Fields, who suspended trainer Alexander Sywak for 30 days for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (9) and (f), 1887, and 1894 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood and urine samples from Don'tblocktheshot, a horse in his care, contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Sywak must also pay a \$1,500 fine. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. Don'tblocktheshot finished third in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on November 13, 2010. The stewards disqualified Don'tblocktheshot and ordered a redistribution of the purse.