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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.

Jockey Carlos Bautista began serving a one-year suspension on July 24 after the stewards at Los Alamitos received notification from the Orange County Superior Court that a temporary restraining order had been lifted, allowing them to enforce previous rulings for violations of CHRB Rules 1890 (Possession of Contraband) and 1902.5 (Animal Welfare). The suspension followed a two-day hearing in October on a complaint filed by the CHRB alleging that Bautista used an electrical device to shock a horse, Royal Medallion, during the warm-up period prior to the start of the second race at Fairplex Park on September 24, 2006. There was no allegation that Bautista used an electrical device during the actual running of the race. Royal Medallion finished third.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and Mike Pender, the stewards at Del Mar fined the trainer \$3,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after a horse in his care, Asian Eyes, exceeded the regulatory threshold for clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. Asian Eyes finished second in the fifth race at Hollywood Park on May 6, 2007. The stewards disqualified Asian Eyes and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

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