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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 CHRB filed two complaints against trainer Darrell Vienna for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887, both complaints involving the same horse, Medici Code. The Ken Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis identified clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision level in urine samples collected from Medici Code following two different races. Industrial Laboratories confirmed the presence of clenbuterol above the authorized decision level in both split samples. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. These are Class 3 violations. Medici Code finished second in the fourth race at Del Mar on July 18, 2007, and then finished first in the ninth race at Del Mar on August 11, 2007. A hearing date has not been set.

The CHRB filed two complaints against trainer Cody Autrey for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b), 1843.2, and 1887, after the Ken Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined that urine samples collected from two horses in his care, Peace Pledge and Dunmore, contained guanabenz. Guanabenz is an alpha-2 adrenergic agonist used to treat hypertension in people. This family of drugs also produces tranquilizer/sedative/analgesic effects in horses and includes the FDA approved equine drugs xylazine and detomidine. The Iowa State University laboratory confirmed the split sample from Peace Pledge. The request to test the split from Dunmore was untimely under Rule 1859.25 and has been denied. These are Class 2 violations. Peace Pledge finished third in the sixth race at Del Mar on July 18, 2007. Dunmore finished fifth in the second race at Del Mar on July 22, 2007. A hearing date has not been set.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Michael Pender for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d), 1843.2, and 1887, after the Ken Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the urine sample collected from a horse in his care, Queen of the Derby, contained guanabenz. The request to test the split sample from Queen of the Derby was untimely under Rule 1859.25 and has been denied. This is a Class 2 violation. Queen of the Derby finished first in the eighth race at Del Mar on July 25, 2007. A hearing date has not been set.

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