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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.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Vladimir Cerin, the stewards at Hollywood Park fined the trainer \$7,500 and issued a 15-day suspension for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after two horses in his care, North Fleet Street and Off the Richter, tested positive for norpseudoephedrine and phenylpropanolamine, both Class 3 violations. Norpseudoephedrine and phenylpropanolamine can be found in urine samples after the ingestion of herbal products containing ephedra and in several over-the-counter products for both horse and human respiratory conditions. Under the terms of the agreement, the stewards stayed the suspension provided Cerin has no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during a probationary period through August 31, 2008. Off the Richter finished third in the fifth race at Fairplex Park on September 10, 2006. The stewards disqualified Off the Richter and ordered a redistribution of the purse. North Fleet Street finished first in the 12th race at Fairplex on September 25, 2006. North Fleet Street was disqualified and the purse redistributed in an earlier ruling.

The California Horse Racing Board, meeting in executive session November 29, adopted a stipulated proposed settlement agreement and mutual release with Kathleen A. Plested suspending the trainer for one year for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a, d), 1887, and 1859.5 after the Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, identified the presence of methamphetamine and amphetamine in the urine sample collected from Casimir Dow Jones, a horse in her care. Methamphetamine is a psychostimulant drug commonly referred to as “meth,” a human drug of abuse. Methamphetamine is closely related to amphetamine. Methamphetamine is believed to enter the horse from incidental contact with humans. This is a Class 1 violation. Under the agreement, the final six months of the suspension will be stayed provided she has no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during a probationary period of one year. Casimir Dow Jones finished first in the ninth race at Cal Expo on January 20, 2007.

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