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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 stewards at Golden Gate Fields issued a 30-day suspension to Dr. Kim Kuhlmann for negligence in regards to the identification of the Class 2 prohibited substance 3-hydroxy lidocaine, the major urinary metabolite of lidocaine, a local anesthetic present in the post-race urine sample of El Sierra Tahoe. Dr. Kuhlmann had reported treating El Sierra Tahoe with the approved bleeder medication furosemide, but no furosemide was present in the post-race sample. Dr. Kuhlmann had previously sutured a wound on another patient using lidocaine as the local anesthetic and accepted responsibility for the medication error. The stewards found the veterinarian in violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d), 1843,5 (c), 1845 (e), and 1887. Dr. Kuhlmann requested a stay of his penalty pending an appeal. The stay has been granted.

Jeff Bonde was the trainer of El Sierra Tahoe, which finished first in the ninth race at Bay Meadows on September 1, 2007. At the request of the CHRB, the complaint against Bonde in relation to the 1843 violations for 3-hydroxy lidocaine in the post-race urine sample of El Sierra Tahoe was dismissed. The stewards disqualified El Sierra Tahoe and ordered a redistribution of the purse. In a related case, the stewards fined Bonde \$1,000 for violation of CHRB Rule 1890 (possession of contraband).

The stewards at Golden Gate Fields fined trainer Gregory Gilchrist \$1,500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e), 1859.5, and 1887 after a sample collected from a horse in his care, Yodelay You’re Who, exceeded the regulatory threshold for procaine. Procaine is a local anesthetic also found in procaine penicillin G antibiotic preparations. Veterinary records showed another horse in the stable was under treatment with procaine penicillin G antibiotics. This is a Class 3 violation. Yodelay You’re Who finished first in the second race at Bay Meadows on September 26, 2007. The stewards also disqualified Yodelay You’re Who and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

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