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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 a complaint against trainer Frank Petrelli for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, reported that a post-race sample taken from Only in California, a horse trained by Petrelli, contained the prohibited substance hydroxydetomidine. Truesdail Laboratories confirmed the presence of hydroxydetomidine in the split sample. Hydroxydetomidine is a major metabolite of detomidine, an alpha 2-adrenergic agonist used as a sedative/analgesic in the equine under the brand name Domosedan. This is a Class 2 violation in California. Only in California ran first in the sixth race at Cal Expo on November 15, 2007. A hearing has not been scheduled.

The CHRB filed a complaint against Daniel Ray Maier for violation of CHRB Rules 1489 (a) (f) (g) (j), 1530, 1900, 1902 (b) (c), and 1980 (a) (3) and (b) (4) after a Sacramento County Superior Court found him guilty of conspiracy, grand theft, and offering a bribe to effect the outcome of a race, all felonies. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 19420 and 19440 and CHRB rules, the stewards are empowered to impose penalties for any violation of any provision of the CHRB rules. Such penalties may consist of suspension of any license, fines, and exclusion from all racing enclosure under the jurisdiction of the Board. Maier is a licensed harness driver. The stewards at Cal Expo have scheduled a hearing for January 11, 2008.

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