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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.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Cody Autrey, the stewards at Hollywood Park suspended Autrey for 30 days and issued a \$12,500 fine for violation of CHRB Rules 1843, 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. 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. Pursuant to the stipulated agreement, the stewards stayed 23 days of the suspension for a period of one year, provided that Autrey has no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of probation. He began serving the rest of his suspension July 7.

The CHRB filed a complaint against Ugo De La Torre, a licensed owner and assistant trainer, for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (c), 1890, and 1891 after CHRB investigators recovered needles, syringes, and injectable medications during a search of his person and vehicle at Los Alamitos Race Course. A hearing is scheduled July 17.

The CHRB filed a complaint against Edwin Jeffery Waltenburgh, a licensed owner, trainer, and driver, for violation of CHRB Rules 1489 (h), 1843 (c), 1867 (c), 1890, 1900, and 1902 (b) CHRB investigators and the California State Fair Police (CSFP) recovered syringes, medications, and controlled substances in his trailer at Cal Expo. Waltenburgh was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County jail by CSFP. A court case is pending. An administrative hearing is scheduled July 25.

The stewards at Hollywood Park disqualified Rather Be Lucky and ordered a redistribution of the purse for the third race at Santa Anita on January 21, 2008, after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis identified hydroxy-carisoprodol and meprobomate in the post-race sample. Rather Be Lucky finished first in the race. Carisoprodol is a centrally acting skeletal muscle relaxant. Meprobomate is a pharmacologically active metabolite of carisoprodol with anxiolytic and sedative properties. Carisoprodol is currently a Class VI violation in California; meprobomate is a Class 2 violation. A case is pending against Beau Greely, the trainer of Rather Be Lucky.