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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 Christopher Beau Greely, the stewards at Del Mar suspended Greely for 30 days and issued a \$3,000 fine for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) and 1887 after the Ken Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis identified hydroxy-carisoprodol and meprobamate in the post-race sample of a horse in his care, Rather Be Lucky. Carisoprodol is a centrally acting skeletal muscle relaxant. Meprobamate is a pharmacologically active metabolite of carisoprodol with anxiolytic and sedative properties. At the time of the violation, Carisoprodol was a Class VI violation in California; meprobamate is a Class 2 violation. Pursuant to the terms of the stipulated agreement, the stewards stayed the 30-day suspension, provided Greely has no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. Rather Be Lucky finished first in the third race at Santa Anita on January 21, 2008. In a separate ruling, the stewards previously disqualified Rather Be Lucky and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Del Mar issued two disqualifications after the Ken Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined that urine samples collected from the horses 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 were 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. The stewards ordered the redistribution of both purses. In a separate ruling, the stewards previously suspended and fined Cody Autrey, the trainer of Peace Pledge and Dunmore.

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