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SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board’s weekly update of all complaints filed. The update also includes stewards’ rulings involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters. All stewards’ rulings can be viewed on the CHRB Website (www.chrb.ca.gov) through the Administrative Hearings link.

The CHRB filed a complaint against San Joaquin County Fair Manager Deborah Cook alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1530 and Racing Law 19481.3 (b) (c) (d). The complaint states that on June 21, 2009, “Assistant Starter David Fowler-Wright was riding on the starting gate. Mr. Fowler-Wright slipped, fell, and was run over by the starting gate. He was transported to San Joaquin General Hospital where he subsequently died. The investigation (into the death) disclosed the following violations: No safety vest was provided to Assistant Starter Fowler-Wright (who) was allowed to ride on the starting gate in violation of CHRB Rule 1530; no posting of an emergency medical plan in the jockey room in accordance with Horse Racing Law 19481.3 (b); no coordination of emergency medical care in accordance with Horse Racing Law 19481.3 (c); Deborah Cook was designated as the Safety Manager for the San Joaquin County Fair and she failed to ensure compliance with 19481.3 (b) and (c). The San Joaquin County Fair is operating under a CHRB license application and approval.” The CHRB also filed a complaint against Robert Mooneyhan, the official starter, for the following alleged violations: “The riding of the starting gate, while moving, by the starter and assistant starters; not providing safety vests to the assistant starters in violation of accepted safety practices and Rule 1530.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Librado Barocio alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (9) (f), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the blood and urine samples collected from a horse in his care, Trail Mix, contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. Trail Mix finished second in the second race at Del Mar on August 23, 2009.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Francisco Chavez alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (d), 1859.5 and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the urine sample collected from a horse in his care, Hold the Peace, contained ractopamine, a Class 3 prohibited substance. Ractopamine is a beta agonist similar to clenbuterol and albuterol. Ractopamine is used as a feed additive for increased weight-gain in livestock. Hold the Peace finished third in the eighth race at Cal Expo on September 6, 2009.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Eric Jude Guillot alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (1) (a), 1859.5, 1877, and 1894 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the urine sample collected from a horse in his care, Champagne D'Oro, contained trenbolone, a prohibited Class 3 substance. Industrial Laboratories, the split-sample laboratory selected by Guillot, confirmed the presence of trenbolone in the split sample. Trenbolone is an anabolic steroid approved for use in livestock. Champagne D'Oro finished first in the sixth race at Del Mar on August 9, 2009. The stewards at Santa Anita disqualified Champagne D'Oro and ordered the redistribution of the purse. A hearing for Guillot has not been scheduled.

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