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### WEEKLY UPDATE: MARCH 15 – 21, 2010

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly update of all complaints and stewards' rulings involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

The stewards at Cal Expo issued two rulings suspending owner-trainer Edwin Jeffery Waltenburgh for a total of two years and fining him a total of \$7,500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1890 (possession of contraband) and 1843 (d) (Medications, Drugs, and Other Substances). In July 2008, CHRB investigators and the California State Fair Police recovered syringes, medications, and controlled substances in Waltenburgh's possession at Cal Expo. In a separate incident, the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the sample taken from Sues Destroyer, a horse in Waltenburgh's care, contained hydromorphone, which was confirmed by the University of Florida Racing Laboratory. Hydromorphone is a semi-synthetic opioid narcotic and, therefore, a potent analgesic. Hydromorphone is sold as Dilaudid for human use. This is a Class 1 violation and a Category A penalty. Sues Destroyer finished first in the fourth race at Cal Expo on July 24, 2008. The stewards at Cal Expo issued a ruling in December 2008 disqualifying Sues Destroyer and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Los Alamitos suspended owner Michael Hagan for violation of CHRB Rules 1489 (b), 1900, and 1902 after he pled guilty to three felony counts in the State of New Mexico's Fifth Judicial District involving the theft and transportation of racehorses. His suspension will remain in effect unless it is rescinded by the CHRB subject to a licensing renewal application review.

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