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WEEKLY UPDATE: OCT. 11 – 17, 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.

CHRB investigators detained licensed jockey agent and former trainer Frank Monteleone at Hollywood Park and turned him over to Los Angeles County deputy sheriffs on a felony arrest warrant on a charge of embezzlement by public or private officer (504 P.C.). The arrest warrant alleges that Monteleone “on or between January 3, 2008, and July 21, 2008, and while said defendant was an authorized agent for Brian McGoldrick, did unlawfully, and fraudulently appropriate (property) to a use and purpose not in the due lawful execution of his/her trust...” The sheriff’s deputies cited Monteleone, who was ordered to appear in Pasadena Superior Court on December 16.

CHRB investigators detained groom Javier Mata at Hollywood Park on an outstanding felony arrest warrant and turned him over to Inglewood police for arrest and booking on a charge of animal cruelty (597 (B) P.C.) in connection with a 2009 case. The stewards at Santa Anita Park issued a ruling on January 29, 2009, suspending Mata for six months based on a CHRB complaint that he had hit a horse with a rake in the barn of trainer Patrick Biancone. This investigation also resulted in a felony filing with the issuance of a felony arrest warrant. CHRB investigators following up on this case recently determined the arrest warrant was still active. This led to Mata’s detention and arrest.

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