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WEEKLY UPDATE: DECEMBER 5 – 11, 2011

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.

Pursuant to a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Sergio Fiscal, the stewards at Los Alamitos suspended Fiscal for 90 days and fined him \$7,500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a&d) and 1844 (b),(e)(9)&(f) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the blood and urine samples collected from Freaky, a horse in his care, contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. Iowa State University confirmed excess levels of clenbuterol in the split samples. This is a Class 3 violation. Pursuant to the agreement, the stewards stayed the \$7,500 fine provided Fiscal has no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. Freaky finished first in the ninth race at Los Alamitos on September 11, 2011. In an earlier ruling, the stewards disqualified Freaky and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Hollywood Park suspended trainer Ruben Gomez for 30 days and fined him \$3,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1844 (b),(e)(9)&(f) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the blood and urine samples collected from Mr River of Dreams, a horse in his care, contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. Gomez declined a split sample analysis. This is a Class 3 violation. Mr River of Dreams finished sixth in the fourth race at the Los Angeles County Fair on September 25, 2011. The stewards at Hollywood Park subsequently disqualified Mr River of Dreams and ordered the redistribution of the purse. The suspension begins December 18.

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