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ENFORCEMENT UPDATE 8-23-12

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

The stewards at Los Alamitos suspended trainer Jose Flores for 180 days and also fined him \$5,000 for violation CHRB Rule 1843 (a) (b) (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample collected from Super Long Straw, a horse in his care, contained methamphetamine, a Class 1 prohibited substance. The split sample was confirmed by Iowa State University. Methamphetamine is a highly addictive human drug of abuse in the amphetamine class of psychoactive drugs. The stewards stayed 150 days of the suspension provided Flores commits no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during his one-year probation. In related cases associated with the investigation, five grooms and one exercise rider at the Flores barn tested positive for methamphetamine, and two of those licensees have been suspended for 30 days. They are required to participate in a drug rehabilitation program and must sign a drug testing agreement before they will be reinstated. The other four have been suspended for failure to appear at hearings. The stewards disqualified Super Long Straw from a first-place finish in the fifth race at Los Alamitos on June 10 and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

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