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ENFORCEMENT UPDATE 12-10-13

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 Lorenzo Ruiz for 60 days and fined him \$1,000 after the California Horse Racing Board adopted the stewards' proposed decision during executive session November 21 and remanded the case back to the stewards to issue the ruling. The stewards earlier conducted a hearing on a complaint alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the urine samples collected from two horses in Ruiz' care, Willing Warrior and Truco Latino, both contained zilpaterol, a beta-2 agonist used in livestock production to promote lean muscle growth. These are Class 3 violations. These violations postdated the period of contamination of Purina feed earlier in the year. In accordance with their proposed decision approved by the Board, the stewards stayed 40 days of the suspension provided Ruiz commits no further Class 1, 2, or 3 penalties during the term of his one-year probation. Willing Warrior finished first in the third race at Los Alamitos on April 26, 2013. Truco Latino finished first in the second race at Los Alamitos on April 28, 2013. The stewards earlier disqualified both horses and ordered the redistribution of those purses.

The CHRB issued a complaint against trainer Rene Amescua alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the urine sample collected from a horse in his care, Sorenstam, tested positive for hydroxycarisoprodol and meprobamate. Hydroxycarisoprodol and meprobamate are metabolites of carisoprodol. Carisoprodol is a centrally acting skeletal muscle relaxant and is classified by the DEA as a schedule IV drug. Meprobamate is a separate, metabolically active metabolite of carisoprodol with anxiolytic and sedative properties. Carisoprodol and meprobamate are Class 2 violations. Sorenstam finished first in the seventh race August 23, 2013, at Golden Gate Fields. The stewards disqualified Sorenstam and ordered the redistribution of the purse. The stewards have scheduled a December 12 hearing for Amescua.