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ENFORCEMENT UPDATE 1-21-14

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 actions taken over the last month.

The CHRB filed a complaint on November 8, 2013, which was not reported in an enforcement update at that time, alleging that trainer Jose P. DeLa Torre violated CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the sample collected from a horse in his care, Carlota, contained clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator. This is a Class 3 violation. Carlota finished first in the eighth race at Los Alamitos on October 25, 2013. The stewards subsequently disqualified Carlota and ordered the redistribution of that purse.

The CHRB has since filed two additional complaints against trainer Jose P. DeLa Torre for alleged violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the samples collected from two horses in his care, Harrisburg and Walked Away, contained clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator. These are Class 3 violations. Harrisburg finished first in the 13th race at Los Alamitos on November 24, 2013. Walked Away finished first in the ninth race November 24, 2013. The stewards subsequently issued rulings disqualifying both horses and ordering the redistribution of those purses. These two complaints and two pending clenbuterol complaints – the one involving Carlota and a fourth involving Zoomdasher, as previously reported in the 11-23-13 enforcement update, have been referred to a deputy attorney general to represent the CHRB in this matter. A hearing has not been set.

The CHRB filed a complaint against owner Saul Acosta for alleged violation of CHRB Rules 1653, 1843 (a) (b) (d), and 1844 (c) (1) & 1844 (e) (7) and filed a separate complaint against trainer Elmer January for alleged violation of CHRB Rules 1653, 1843 (a) (b) (d), and 1844 (c) (1) & 1844 (e) (7) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the sample collected from Knight Ought, a horse owned by Acosta and trained by January, contained procaine above the authorized threshold level. Procaine is a local anesthetic (Novacain) found in the antibiotic procaine penicillin G, an antimicrobial commonly used in equine veterinary medicine.

Knight Ought finished fifth in the third race at the Fresno County Fair on October 12, 2013. A hearing is scheduled January 25.

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