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ENFORCEMENT UPDATE 7-23-14

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 matters.

The stewards at Pleasanton issued a ruling suspending owner/veterinary assistant Cesar Nungaray-Guzman for one year with a recommendation that he be denied any future licensing by the CHRB after he pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of animal cruelty in Contra Costa County Superior Court. CHRB investigators worked closely with Contra Costa animal services authorities in the investigation of Nungaray-Guzman after four former racehorses he had acquired at Golden Gate Fields and placed on his ranch in rural Contra Costa County were found to be mistreated, malnourished and neglected. Under terms of the plea bargain in the criminal matter, Guzman was ordered to perform community services, fined, and placed on probation through August 2017. During the term of his probation, Guzman is not allowed to own or possess any animals.

The stewards at Los Alamitos issued a ruling suspending trainer Antonio Soto for 60 days and fining him \$3,000 after the CHRB adopted the stewards’ proposed decision during executive session June 19 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), and (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the sample collected from a horse in his care, Signature Rocket, contained clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator. This is a Class 3 violation. The stewards stayed 15 days of the suspension provided Soto commits no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. Signature Rocket finished first in the third race at Los Alamitos on March 21, 2014. The stewards previously issued a ruling disqualifying Signature Rocket and ordering the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Pleasanton issued a ruling suspending trainer Shaun Morrow for 30 days and fining him \$1,500 after the CHRB adopted the stewards’ proposed decision during executive session June 19 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), and (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the sample collected from a horse in his care, Charlise’s Song, contained clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator. This is a Class 3 violation. The stewards stayed 15 days of the suspension provided Morrow commits no

further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. Charlsie's Song finished second in the fourth race at the Fresno District Fair on October 5, 2013. The stewards previously issued a ruling disqualifying Charlsie's Song and ordering the redistribution of the purse.

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