

PRESS RELEASE

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**JEREMY ROSE STATEMENT REGARDING
"APPEAL TO THE CITY" INCIDENT**

On June 23, 2008, in the 3rd race at Delaware Park, I rode the #2 horse, APPEAL TO THE CITY. At the 3/16 pole, I was following the leader ROBIN DES TUNE, ridden by Ramon Dominguez, when my horse started to lug in. I was hitting my horse left-handed and she jumped to miss clipping heels with Ramon's horse, but continued to lug in. As we were coming through the lane, I intended to hit her on the shoulder with my whip to keep her from continuing to lug in, and hold my position in 2nd. Instead, I accidentally struck her in the face. I knew something happened when I struck her and as the horses crossed the finish line, I looked to see if she was injured. At dismount, she did not appear to be injured or in distress. I immediately reported what had happened to Tammy Wolfendale, the wife of the filly's trainer, Howard Wolfendale, apologized to her, and called the Stewards. Just before the 4th race, I saw Howard Wolfendale, explained what had happened, and apologized to him.

Prior to the 5th race, I was informed that the filly's eye was injured as a result of my actions. I was advised that the horse had been sent to New Bolton Center to be examined. I spoke to Mr. Wolfendale early on the morning of June 24 to apologize once again and to make clear to him that I accepted full responsibility for the filly's condition and all expenses related to her care.

I am relieved to learn that the filly is fine and that her eye does not appear to have been seriously injured.

I want everyone to know that this was an accident and not an intentional act on my part. I did not mean to hit her in the face. As a jockey, I have the responsibility to give my best effort and use my skills to allow the horse I am riding to perform at his/her best. I also have the responsibility to protect the health and welfare of my horse. Notwithstanding that this was an accident and was unintentional, I failed to meet the standards required of me in this instance. I am truly sorry for what happened and apologize to Mr. Wolfendale, Mr. Ray Makarovich, Jr., Delaware Park, and the racing industry.

I have been involved with horses my entire life. I have ridden as a professional jockey for 7 years. I am privileged to participate in this great sport. I would like to think that I have brought credit to it. There are no words to describe how badly I feel about this incident. At the end of the day, the most important thing to me is my honesty, integrity and sportsmanship. I will not seek to ride at least until I have the opportunity to appear before the Delaware Racing Commission on July 22, 2008, to explain what happened and restore my good name and reputation. I would like to thank the numerous people who have called me in the last 24 hours to offer their support, including Mr. Wolfendale.