

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **STATEMENT OF HOWARD WOLFENDALE REGARDING "APPEAL TO THE CITY" INCIDENT**

I am the trainer of "APPEAL TO THE CITY," who was ridden by Jeremy Rose in the 3rd race at Delaware Park on June 23, 2008.

As the horses were heading to the finish line, I saw Jeremy whip the horse and the filly throw her head. I didn't think anything of it at the time, but when the horses returned to be unsaddled, Jeremy told my wife that he may have accidentally hit the filly in the eye with his whip. Jeremy told me the same thing when I saw him prior to the 4th race and he apologized.

The filly was struck in the eye. She was taken to New Bolton Center for observation and she is fine. The damage appears to be superficial. Her eye was not seriously injured to the point where her vision is impaired. She is returning to my barn at Laurel Park today. Jeremy has been very apologetic and made clear to me from the onset that he accepted full responsibility for the horse's care and condition.

I do not believe for a second that Jeremy acted intentionally or sought to hurt my filly. I'm sure he meant to hit her on the shoulder. It was an accident and should be viewed as such. Jeremy has ridden for me for years. He is a gifted and highly respected rider. I know he feels terrible about this incident. I will not hesitate to use Jeremy again. Indeed, he was supposed to ride for me today.