

Stolen Horse International, Inc.

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NetPosse.com Pursues AQHA Performance Horse Thieves

November 21, 2006 – Shelby, North Carolina – Performance horses are disappearing at an alarming rate and horse owners are being caught by surprise since the culprit is none other than horse thieves. Todd Willis of Red River County, Texas, was devastated to find his fences cut on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, and his prize calf roping gelding missing. Theft was the obvious answer when the trail of hoof prints led through neighbors' pastures before vanishing.

Sorrelly, a 10 year old registered with the American Quarter Horse Association, has been Todd's faithful traveling companion and eventing horse for the past few years. Competing together in high-level rodeos, the pair was making great strides toward a National Finals Rodeo appearance in the near future.

Now those dreams have been put on hold as Todd, his girlfriend Tawnee, and his family spend their time desperately searching for his beloved horse. A large reward is being offered for the arrest and conviction of the thief(ves), and it's Todd's hope someone will come forward with the truth about the theft so Sorrelly can be successfully recovered.

In an effort to broaden his chances, Todd quickly turned to the nonprofit organization, Stolen Horse International, Inc. (SHI), which was formed to help people just like him. Through SHI's vast network of volunteers, known as NetPosse, thousands of Idaho Alerts (the horse community's Amber Alert) were immediately distributed with links to Sorrelly's personal web page and flyer found on www.netposse.com.

While SHI volunteers were working Sorrelly's case, another AQHA performance horse was reported stolen only three days prior and only a few hours north in Gary, Oklahoma ... this one a black reining mare. Blest Western, a 4 year old with a sweet disposition, could not be found in her pasture. Evidence leads investigators to believe she was in fact stolen and not running loose.

As more horse owners become unsuspecting victims, NetPosse members kick into overdrive to get these stolen cases into the public eye. Already, volunteers have begun forwarding the information to anyone who might come in contact with one of these horses. The release of the Idaho Alerts is timely since the National Finals Rodeo is being held in Las Vegas Nov. 30- Dec. 9.

Aside from issuing Idaho Alerts via the Internet, Debi Metcalfe, founder of SHI, is a Monday night guest on the radio show "Best of America by Horseback." Laurie Jumper, Blest Western's owner, and Todd called into the show Nov. 20, to speak about their experiences. The ability of these people to make a personal plea to the public is a rare opportunity for victims, and is just one more way that SHI attempts to help in the recovery process.

Sorrelly's information is found at: <http://www.netposse.com/stolenmissing/SorrellyTXnov06.htm>; and Blest Western's web page is: <http://www.netposse.com/stolenmissing/BlestWesternOKnov06.htm>.

As Debi Metcalfe is fond of saying, "Never underestimate the power of one!" It only takes one person to forward an email, post a flyer or make a phone call. With every email sent or flyer posted, these victims are one step closer to that one person who can help Sorrelly and Blest Western come home safely.

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