



Media release

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Magic Millions race incident

A runner in the Magic Millions Race Meeting on the Gold Coast has been injured during Race 2 the Lexus Magic Millions Country Cup over 1200m.

The five-year-old gelding Lomazzo was with the field on the home turn when the incident occurred.

A team of race day vets was quickly on the scene to assess the horse and provide first aid treatment before Lomazzo was transported by equine ambulance to the nearby Gold Coast Equine Clinic for further assessment.

X-rays revealed the Kris Lees' trained gelding fractured both sesamoid bones of the near fore fetlock resulting in loss of weight bearing ability in the affected leg.

The treating vet and Lomazzo's connections were confronted with the difficult decision to euthanase the horse.

Race day officials have praised the efforts of jockey Damien Oliver in keeping Lomazzo balanced and upright after the injury occurred.

However, a woman was arrested by Racing Crime Squad officers and taken to the Southport watch-house after she delayed the return of the equine ambulance to the Gold Coast Turf Club track.

Officials were forced to retrieve the vehicle's spare keys after the woman allegedly tried to steal it.

She's been charged with offences including unlawful use of a motor-vehicle and public nuisance.

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