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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026D02**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse was pulled up during a morning breeze due to a left front leg injury. The horse was transported to the onsite hospital, and radiographs showed a left front lateral condylar fracture with proximal sesamoid bone fractures. The initial plan was to send the horse to surgery. Once the bandage was removed from the leg it was discovered the horse had open fractures and was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed the left front leg with an open, complete, displaced, articular lateral condylar fracture of the third metacarpal bone (MC3). The medial condyle of MC3 had sclerosis of the subchondral bone, and the lateral condyle had palmar osteochondral disease (POD). The fourth (MC4) metacarpal bone was fractured, and the left front fetlock had biaxial fractures of the proximal sesamoid bones (PSBs), with pre-existing lesions (i.e. osteopenic areas). The proximal phalanx of the left front leg had osteochondral fragments.

Racing/Training History: The horse had two lifetime starts.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse received wellness care and routinely received Adequan. The horse was scoped post-race and breezing.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted mild joint capsule hypertrophy of the knees and front fetlocks, with a slight decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. Both front shins had slight exostosis noted.

Conclusion: This horse suffered an open left front lateral condylar fracture of the third metacarpal bone, along with proximal sesamoid bone fractures of the left front fetlock.