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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026D04**

Horse Information: Eight-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: During morning training hours, the horse was schooling in the starting gate and flipped. The horse was bleeding from the head and was neurologic. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed catastrophic fractures of the first cervical vertebra and left femur. There were severe muscle tears surrounding the fractured femur, and both fractures had adjacent edema and hemorrhages.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 7 lifetime starts and had several layoffs across the years. The horse had one recent recorded work prior to the injury.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had a Coggins test and a training soundness exam in November 2024.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints and left carpal effusion.

Conclusion: The horse suffered catastrophic injuries in a schooling gate accident and was humanely euthanized.