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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026B10**

Horse Information: Four-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse suffered a hind end injury shortly after breaking from the gate in a race. The horse was ambulated back to the barn and diagnosed with a pelvic fracture. The horse was transported to a local hospital. The horse began to show increased signs of pain, colic, and shock at the hospital and was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed complete, closed fractures of the lumbar vertebrae, sacrum and right ilium. The 6th lumbar (L6) vertebral body was fractured, and the spinous process of the 3rd through the 6th lumbar vertebrae and the first sacral vertebrae (S1). There was a preexisting periosteal callus bridging the body of L6 and S1, periosteal calluses beneath articular facets of L4-L6, and adjacent to the fracture lines of the spinous processes of L4-S1. The intervertebral discs of L6 and (S1) were torn. Both the right and left wings of sacrum had fractures. The pelvis had a fracture of the right ilium, incomplete dislocation of the pubic symphysis, and severe regionally extensive hemorrhage of the right retroperitoneal space.

Racing/Training History: The horse had a consistent racing campaign overseas and recently shipped to the USA to race.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse received standard wellness care.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted mild exostosis of the left knee, and slight joint capsule hypertrophy and decreased range of motion of both front fetlocks.

Conclusion: This horse suffered a pelvic, sacral, and lumbar vertebral fractures and was humanely euthanized.