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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026A01**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse began to show signs of colic in the morning and was treated by the attending veterinarian. Later that night the horse became uncomfortable again, was treated again on the backside, and promptly shipped to the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital the horse was down in the trailer and had an uncontrollable pain level. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a 360-degree counterclockwise torsion of the large colon, with segmental necrohemorrhagic typhlitis. Bacteria, including *Paeniclostridium sordellii*, were isolated from small intestine and cecum.

Racing/Training History: The horse began breezing as a three-year-old and had not raced.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had a history of respiratory disease as a two-year-old which required time off and a prolonged treatment period.

Pre-race Examinations: N/A.

Conclusion: This horse suffered a colon torsion, which was the sequela of the necrohemorrhagic typhlitis.