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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026B06**

Horse Information: Six-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse suffered a stall accident and was lame on the right hind leg. Radiographs of the distal limb did not reveal a fracture. A proximal limb fracture was suspected. The horse was treated for pain management, and the plan was once stabilized to send for advanced diagnostics. The horse suffered a second stall accident, fell, and expired in the stall.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed severely comminuted fractures of both femurs, and multiple rib fractures. The left 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> ribs were completely fractured and mildly displaced, and ribs 9-12 with incomplete fractures. The 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> right ribs were complete, displaced fractures; and ribs 10-13 had incomplete fractures.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 28 lifetime starts and was last claimed in August 2024.

Veterinary History Summary: In 2021 the horse had the right front fetlock radiographed and blocked. On 2/6/2024 the left hind suspensory was ultrasounded.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. Periodically the front feet had special shoes. The right knee was noted to have slight joint effusion.

Conclusion: The horse suffered catastrophic fractures of both tibias, and numerous rib fractures due to accidental trauma.