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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025L02**

Horse Information: Four-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse suffered a hind end injury shortly after breaking from the gate during a race. The horse was ambulated back to the trainer's barn for further treatment and evaluation. The horse had progressive swelling over the hip, became unstable, and unable to stand. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed closed, complete, displaced oblique fractures of the 5th and 6th lumbar vertebrae (L5 and L6 respectively), with a callus on the ventral lamina of L5/6, and spinal cord compression and hemorrhage within the spinal canal.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 20 lifetime starts and had been claimed by several trainers through the years.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had bilateral carpal surgery in 2024.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted mild joint capsule hypertrophy and decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. The knees had mild joint effusion.

Conclusion: This horse suffered a catastrophic lumbar fracture that resulted in compression of the spinal cord.