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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025E02**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: The horse fell approximately 100 yards after breaking from the gate. The horse was unable to rise with bilateral hind limb paralysis. A lumbar fracture was suspected, and the horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed complete displaced fractures of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> thoracic vertebrae with complete transection of the spinal cord. The 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> left and right ribs had complete displaced fractures.

Racing/Training History: The horse had three lifetime starts.

Veterinary History Summary: In June 2024 the horse had blood work performed and was put on antibiotics. In September 2024 intra articular joint injections were given.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted slight bilateral front fetlock joint effusion, and the back always negative to palpation. Pre-race examination in September 2024, noted backwards shoes bilaterally on the front feet.

Conclusion: This horse suffered complete displaced fractures of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> thoracic vertebrae with complete transection of the spinal cord. Bilaterally the 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> ribs were fractured.