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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025K01**

Horse Information: Six-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: While loading in the starting gate to begin the race, the horse flipped and sustained a head injury. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed focal extensive hemorrhage between the sulci of the right cerebral hemisphere (contusion). Histopathologic examination revealed traumatic brain lesions.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 25 lifetime starts and had several gaps in racing throughout the years.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had received medications for osteoarthritis and vitamins. The horse had previously been on the CHRB Vet's List for flipping in the gate.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints, a palpable callus over a left rib fracture, and a defect in the right ramus of the mandible.

Conclusion: This horse suffered a traumatic brain injury after flipping in the starting gate.