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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025G04**

Horse Information: Eight-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: While running in a race the horse suffered a left front fetlock injury. The horse was vanned off and examined by a veterinarian. Radiographs revealed an open biaxial proximal sesamoid bone fracture of the left front fetlock with failure of the suspensory apparatus. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed an open catastrophic left front fetlock failure with complete, displaced, comminuted fractures of both the medial and lateral proximal sesamoid bones (PSBs). The left front fetlock had numerous soft tissue structures completely and incompletely torn, resulting in lack of palmar support. The right front fetlock had complete tearing of several ligaments.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 40 lifetime starts, and had been in consistent training for over a year. The horse had some gaps in racing in earlier years.

Veterinary History Summary: Both knees were radiographed and injected several times across the years. The front fetlocks were injected intra articularly in February 2024.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy, a decreased range of motion, and exostosis of both front fetlock joints. Both knees were noted to have effusion.

Conclusion: This horse suffered an open catastrophic fracture with suspensory ligament failure of the left front fetlock that resulted in humane euthanasia.