

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300

Sacramento, CA 95825

www.chrb.ca.gov

(916) 263-6000 Fax (916) 263-6042

**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025J05**

Horse Information: Seven-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse suffered a right front fetlock injury while racing. The horse was ambulated back to the barn, radiographs were obtained, and the horse was a surgical candidate. The following day the horse's injury worsened, and surgical prognosis was grave, therefore the horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a complete, open, biaxial fracture of the proximal sesamoid bones of the right front fetlock. The right front medial proximal sesamoid bone had a focal area of red discoloration in the subchondral bone (i.e. an osteopenic focus), which the fracture line coursed through. Both condyles of the right front third metacarpal bone (MC3) had severe palmar osteochondral disease (POD), and both flexor tendons of the right front were incompletely torn.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 40 lifetime starts, but did not race as a 2-year-old. There was a four month gap in working in the summer of 2023.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had throat surgery in 2023, and had the front fetlocks injected intra articularly in July 2024.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. Both front proximal suspensories were noted slightly thickened.

Conclusion: This horse suffered catastrophic right front open biaxial proximal sesamoid bone fractures, with torn flexor tendons, and was humanely euthanized.