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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025G03**

Horse Information: Six-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: While racing the horse suffered a catastrophic injury to the left front fetlock. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: The left front third metacarpal bone (MC3) and medial proximal sesamoid bone (PSB) were fractured. Numerous soft tissue structures were completely or partially torn resulting in complete loss of palmar support of the fetlock. Both front fetlocks had palmar osteochondral disease (POD).

Racing/Training History: The horse began racing as a four-year-old. The horse had a 10-month gap in racing in 2022, and a 7-month gap in racing in 2023. The horse had a steady race pattern in 2024.

Veterinary History Summary: In 2022 the horse had the head and right front shin radiographed. The horse received Adequan regularly and was given gastric ulcer medication.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. Exams in August of 2024 noted the right front suspensory ligament branches with slight thickening.

Conclusion: This horse suffered a catastrophic left front fetlock injury.