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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025L03**

Horse Information: Seven-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse was set loose from the stall by a trespasser in the early morning hours. The horse was found non weight bearing on the left front leg. Radiographs revealed a fractured humerus, and the horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a catastrophic left humeral fracture. Both knees and fetlocks had chronic arthritic changes. The right front leg had focal extensive chronic tendinitis of the superficial digital flexor tendon (SDFT) and desmitis of the suspensory ligament.

Racing/Training History: This horse had raced but was retired and was being retrained as a pony horse.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse received routine wellness care.

Pre-race Examinations: N/A.

Conclusion: The horse was intentionally set loose from the stall by an unauthorized person and suffered a catastrophic shoulder fracture due to trauma, most likely colliding into an object in the dark.