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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025E07**

Horse Information: Five-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: While racing the horse suffered an open fracture of the right front fetlock. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed an open catastrophic failure of the right front fetlock characterized by complete fractures of the lateral condyle of the third metacarpal bone (MC3), the medial proximal sesamoid bone (PSB), and osteochondral fragmentation of the first phalanx (P1). Numerous soft tissue structures were torn in the fetlock including the medial branch of the suspensory ligament.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 27 lifetime starts and had been in several barns throughout the racing career.

Veterinary History Summary: In 2022 the horse had surgery to treat the left hind curb. The horse did receive dexamethasone frequently and occasionally had oral bute dispensed.

Pre-race Examinations: The horse was noted to have multiple legs with interfering marks on the fetlocks. In February 2022 both hind fetlocks were positive to flexion test post-race. During 2023, and into early 2024, the horse was noted to have special shoeing on both front feet. Both knees were noted to have slight joint effusion, and both front fetlocks with moderate decrease range of motion and joint capsule hypertrophy.

Conclusion: This horse had an open catastrophic fracture of the right front fetlock and was humanely euthanized.