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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025C06**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: Post breezing the horse suffered a right front leg injury. Radiographs revealed a proximal sesamoid bone fracture. The fetlock was stabilized, and the horse began conservative treatment for the injury. Upon recheck the fetlock had lost all palmar support, and the horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed complete fracture of the medial proximal sesamoid bone (PSB) with complete tearing of several ligaments of the fetlock joint of the right front leg.

Racing/Training History: The horse had three lifetime starts. The horse did not race as a 2-year-old.

Veterinary History Summary: The left front fetlock was radiographed in June 2023, and tested for EPM in April 2024. Upper airway endoscopy revealed the horse did have exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage post-race.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. The left knee was noted to have exostosis.

Conclusion: This horse fractured a proximal sesamoid bone in the right front fetlock and tore several soft tissue structures that provided palmar support. The horse was humanely euthanized.