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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025C02**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: While running in a race the horse suffered an open fracture of the left front fetlock and was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed open biaxial fractures of the proximal sesamoid bones in the left front limb. Numerous soft tissue structures of the left front fetlock were torn.

Racing/Training History: The horse had four lifetimes starts. The horse did not race a two-year-old.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse injured the right front tendon in 2023 and was given time off. An ultrasound of the right front tendon was done in May 2024.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. The right front flexor tendon was noted to have a focal area of enlargement.

Conclusion: The left front fetlock suffered catastrophic fractures of both proximal sesamoid bones, with numerous soft tissue structures completely and incompletely torn.