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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025C03**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse was breezing and pulled up past the wire. The horse collapsed and died.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed the cause of death as cardiopulmonary failure due to exercise associated fatal pulmonary hemorrhage (EAFPH).

Racing/Training History: The horse had 5 lifetime starts. There was a gap in racing early in 2024 for right hind leg cellulitis.

Veterinary History Summary: This horse had two episodes of EIPH. The morning of the work the horse received lasix and acepromazine.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations noted joint capsule hypertrophy and decreased range of motion in both front fetlocks. Both knees were noted to have joint effusion.

Conclusion: This horse suffered cardiopulmonary failure due to exercise associated fatal pulmonary hemorrhage (EAFPH). EAFPH is characterized by severe pulmonary bleeding of unknown etiology that results in sudden death following strenuous exercise.