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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025E01**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: While running in a race the horse clipped heels and fell. The horse had a suspected neck fracture.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a cervical vertebrae neck fracture, along with complete transection of the spinal cord.

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

Veterinary History Summary: The horse was scratched and placed on the Veterinary's list as unsound in 2023. In January 2024 the right hind leg was radiographed.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy in both the knees and fetlocks. The fetlocks were also noted to have decreased range of motion.

Conclusion: While running in the race the horse clipped heels with the horse in front of him and went down. The horse succumbed to the neck fractures and spinal cord injury within minutes.