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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025D03**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse flipped in the paddock on race day and suffered a fractured neck and severed spinal cord. The horse died spontaneously as a result of the injuries.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed fractures of the second and third cervical vertebra (C2-C3), with complete transection of the spinal cord at the C2-C3 joint. The left side of the body had muscular hemorrhages and ribs 10-12 were fractured.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 6 lifetime starts. There was a gap in racing from February to June 2024.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse was on the CHRB Veterinarian's List for a right knee injury after flipping in the gate in April 2024.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. An April 2024 pre-race exam noted the left front flexor tendons to be enlarged.

Conclusion: This horse had an unfortunate accident flipping in the paddock that resulted in a broken neck and transected spinal cord.