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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025B05**

Horse Information: Four-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: While running in a race the horse was pulled up with an injured right front leg. The right front fetlock had an open fracture.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed fractures of both proximal sesamoid bones in the right front limb.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 14 lifetime starts and had a gap in racing from late 2023 to early 2024.

Veterinary History Summary: In 2023 the horse had several intra articular knee injections bilaterally, and the fetlocks were diagnosed with palmar osteochondral disease. In May of 2024 the right knee was noted to be warm and positive to flexion.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlocks. In 2023 the right front foot was noted twice to be wearing a special shoe.

Conclusion: This horse suffered a catastrophic right front fetlock fracture.