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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026D06**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse was pulled up during a morning breeze due to a left hind leg injury. The horse was transported to the onsite hospital, and radiographs showed a left hind medial condylar fracture with a proximal sesamoid bone fracture. The plan was to send the horse to surgery. When the support boot was applied to the leg, the horse became extremely dangerously fractious exacerbating the injury. The fracture became complete, and open, and the horse given a grave prognosis. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed complete, displaced, comminuted, biarticular, open, medial condylar fracture of the third metatarsal (MT3) of the left hind leg. There was extensive subperiosteal woven bone on several pieces of MT3. The second and fourth metatarsal (MT2 and MT4) were complete, displaced, open fractures. The medial proximal sesamoid bone (mPSB) was fractured, with the lateral collateral ligament of the fetlock joint incompletely torn. The deep and superficial tendons, along with the check and suspensory ligaments were completely torn.

Racing/Training History: The horse had three lifetime starts and had recently shipped to California to train and race.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse routinely received Lasix to work and had acepromazine tablets dispensed at the beginning of May 2025.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints, and both knees with mild joint capsule hypertrophy.

Conclusion: The horse suffered a left hind medial condylar fracture, and surgery was planned until extreme fractious behavior worsened the injury. The horse was given a grave prognosis and was humanely euthanized.