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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026D12**

Horse Information: Six -year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: Following a surgical procedure the horse became ill and despite veterinary treatment succumbed to the illness and expired in the stall.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed severe pneumonia and laryngotracheitis/esophagitis, and bilateral loss of hoof on the hind feet. The lungs had extensive necrotizing pneumonia with consolidation of approximately 40% of lung parenchyma. The hindlimb hoof lesions were the result of sepsis.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 33 lifetime starts and had recently been privately purchased and changed trainers.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse was diagnosed with an upper airway problem that required surgical correction that occurred in October 2024. The horse became febrile shortly after and veterinary treatment was initiated.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted bilateral joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. The second metacarpal (splint) of the left front leg was noted to have non-reactive moderate exostosis.

Conclusion: This horse suffered sepsis from a respiratory infection that was unresponsive to veterinary care, and expired.