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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026D07**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse stumbled shortly after breaking during a morning work and unseated the rider. The loose horse collided with another horse on the track, fell, and was unable to rise. The horse was escorted via ambulance to an equine hospital. The horse was given a grave prognosis with a suspected fractured neck and was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed fractures of sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth thoracic vertebrae (T6-9) with impingement and incomplete tearing of the spinal cord at T6. The 4th-6th ribs were fractured, the 6th to 7th cervical vertebrae had a focal epidural hematoma, and focally extensive hematoma on the left side of the neck and shoulder.

Racing/Training History: This horse had not raced. The horse had been breezing as a two-year-old and had a gap in working from late 2024 until spring of 2025. There was another gap in working from June 2025 until mid-summer 2025.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse was tested for EPM in November 2024. In January 2025 the horse had a front-end nuclear scintigraphy study, and in July of 2025 the horse had a whole-body nuclear scintigraphy study. The horse had an episode of EIPH in March 2025.

Pre-race Examinations: All pre-work examinations had noted the horse as sound.

Conclusion: This was a sad and unfortunate case of a loose horse suffering catastrophic injuries from a collision accident.