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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026F01**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: The horse suffered an injury to the right front leg shortly after finishing the race. The horse was escorted by ambulance to the barn where radiographs revealed a comminuted third carpal bone fracture. The horse was given a grave prognosis and was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a closed, complete, displaced, comminuted, bi-articular (“slab”) transverse fracture of the third carpal bone (C3) of the right front leg. Focally extensive red (highly vascularized stress remodeling) and white (bone sclerosis) discoloration of the subchondral bone of the C3 bone. The second metacarpal bone was fractured (MC2) at the proximal articular surface.

Racing/Training History: The horse had six lifetime starts.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse was placed on the Vet’s List out of state in May 2025 for left front concerns. The horse had bilateral intra articular carpal injections and stifle injections in November 2025.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted mild joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. The knees were noted to have bilateral joint effusion.

Conclusion: The horse suffered a catastrophic third carpal bone fracture and was humanely euthanized.