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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026F02**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: The horse suffered an injury to the right front leg after finishing a race. The horse was escorted by ambulance back to the barn. Radiographs revealed the right knee had a slab fracture of the third carpal bone. The images were sent to a surgeon who gave the horse a poor surgical prognosis. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a catastrophic fracture of the right knee. The third carpal bone had a complete, displaced, comminuted slab fracture with highly vascularized stress remodeling and bone sclerosis. The second carpal bone had a complete, displaced segmental fracture.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 6 lifetime starts.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had intra articular injections in May and July 2025. The horse was on antibiotic therapy in March and July 2025.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted slight bilateral knee joint effusion and decreased range of motion of both front fetlock joints.

Conclusion: The horse suffered a catastrophic right knee fracture after racing and was humanely euthanized.