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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026F04**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: During a morning gallop the horse suffered a catastrophic injury to the left front shin. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed an open, complete, displaced, severely comminuted fracture of the left front third metacarpal bone. One fracture fragment had red, highly vascularized subperiosteal bone, indicating bone proliferation.

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

Veterinary History Summary: The horse received standard wellness care and was given osteoarthritis medication.

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

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