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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026G02**

Horse Information: Four-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: The horse was pulled up shortly after finishing a race with a left front leg injury. The horse had an open pastern injury and was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed disarticulation/luxation of left front proximal interphalangeal joint (pastern joint) with medial displacement of the distal portion of first phalanx and tearing of the soft tissue structures along the medial aspect of the proximal interphalangeal joint. There were no fractures or pre-existing lesions that were appreciated in either of the examined limbs.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 20 lifetime starts.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had intra-articular injections performed several times across several years. The horse received vitamins and Adequan regularly.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints and a left knee hygroma.

Conclusion: The horse suffered an open catastrophic left front pastern joint disarticulation and was humanely euthanized.