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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026D08**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse suffered a left front leg injury shortly after completing a morning work. The horse was escorted by ambulance to the equine hospital. Radiographs of the lower leg detected no fractures. Shoulder radiographs were undiagnostic, but based on the clinical signs, swelling and sensitivity to palpation, a shoulder fracture was suspected. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a catastrophic left humeral fracture with the fracture line intersecting a callus on the diaphysis. Several muscles adjacent to fracture fragments were torn, and there was severe extensive hemorrhage and edema surrounding the fracture. The right humerus also had a callus.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 5 lifetime starts. The horse had recently resumed training from a six-month layoff.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had right front fetlock effusion and sensitivity in the fall of 2024 and had bilateral fetlock surgery. Upon return to training the horse received routine care, with no record of any lameness.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. Occasionally the horse was noted to have special shoeing, and heat in the right front foot.

Conclusion: The horse suffered a catastrophic left shoulder fracture shortly after resuming training from a layoff.