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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026I01**

Horse Information: Six-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse was being ponied on the track during morning training. The horse became loose and stepped on the lead shank. The horse fell to the ground and sustained a fatal injury.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a closed, complete, displaced comminuted, transverse fracture of the second cervical vertebra (C2), and incomplete transection of the spinal cord at the level of the first cervical vertebra C1 and C2.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 23 lifetime starts, and several gaps in racing across the years.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had a left front tendon injury in 2024.

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

Conclusion: This was a sudden and unexpected accident that resulted in a fatal neck and spinal cord injury.