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RAEFORD, NC - Task Force, owned by JC Chester of Washington, DC and ridden by Jan Byyny, suffered a catastrophic hind leg injury and was humanely euthanized today during warm-up at Southern Pines Horse Trials II. Task Force, a 16-year-old Thoroughbred gelding, had enjoyed a successful career in eventing with Jan. The Carolina Horse Park Foundation and USEA extend their heartfelt sympathies to Jan and the Chester family on the loss of this great horse.

Jan and Task Force's accomplishments include: a 14th place finish at Blenheim in 2003, an alternate spot on the 2004 Athens Olympic team, a 4th place finish at the 2005 Rolex CCI****, and a win at the 2006 Jersey Fresh CCI***. The pair also represented the USA as individual competitors at the 2006 World Equestrian Championships, and were the highest placed Americans at the 2005 World Cup in Malmo, Sweden.