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PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 10, 2014

Nature of Release: Motor Vehicle Fatality	Date and Time of Incident: May 10, 2014 Approximately 3:24 AM
Incident Location: State Route 819 at Kaufman Road. Salem Township	
Person(s) Involved: **Decedent**: Shelby G. Griffiths, 46 y/o male Address: Lion Lane Salem Township Date and Time of Death: May 10, 2014 at 4:11 AM.	

Incident Details: **Cause of Death: Blunt Force Trauma to the Head and Chest**
Due to: Single Vehicle Accident

Manner of Death: Accidental

- Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information.
- The decedent was the operator and lone occupant of a vehicle traveling north on State Route 819.
- For an unknown reason the vehicle failed to negotiate a slight bend, left the roadway and struck a utility pole.
- The vehicle rolled over coming to rest on its roof and caught fire.
- The decedent was ejected from the vehicle.
- Emergency medical personnel transported the decedent to Excela Westmoreland Emergency Department where he was pronounced dead by hospital staff.
- Seat-belt use is unknown.
- Air bag deployment is unknown
- Cell phone use is unknown.
- An autopsy will not be performed.
- Cause and manner of death are reflected above.
- Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.
- Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.
- Pennsylvania State Police, Kiski Barracks, will release addition information at their discretion.

******** No further information is available from this office at this time. ********