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PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 24, 2014

Nature of Release: Motor Vehicle Fatality	Date and Time of Incident: Unknown Date and Time
Incident Location: Across from 4750 State Route 981 Bell Township	
Person(s) Involved: **Decedent**: Albert R. Shaner, III, 41 y/o male Address: Mace Street Southwest Greensburg Borough Date and Time of Death: October 23, 2014 at 7:31 PM.	

Incident Details: **Cause of Death: Pending**

Manner of Death: Pending

- Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information.
- The decedent was last seen October 17th, 2014 at approximately 2:05 AM in the Avonmore area of Westmoreland County, as the operator and lone occupant of a 2013 Chrysler 300C.
- A passing jogger noticed wreckage at the above incident location and contacted 911.
- Through investigation and for an unknown reason the decedent failed to negotiate a left curve while he was traveling north on State Route 981, traveled off the east berm and down a steep embankment.
- The vehicle came to rest in a secluded wooded area.
- Deputy Coroner Timothy P. O'Donnell investigated the incident and pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.
- Speed is believed to have played a factor in the incident.
- A seat-belt was not utilized by the decedent.
- Cell phone use is unknown.
- An autopsy will be performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on October 24, 2014.
- Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.
- A funeral home has not been selected at this time.
- Pennsylvania State Police Kiski Barracks also investigated and will release additional details at their discretion.

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