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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 2, 2019**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> March 1, 2019 4:56 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u> State Route 217 at Curnow Drive Derry Township	
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: Robert L. Cochran, 77 y/o male Address: Indiana Avenue Blairsville Borough Indiana County Date and Time of Death: March 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM	
<u>Incident Details:</u> Cause of Death: Pending Manner of Death: Pending <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a motor vehicle fatality that occurred in Derry Township.▪ The decedent, Robert L. Cochran, was the operator with one passenger of a 2009, Suzuki SX4, traveling south on State Route 217.▪ A 2007, Hyundai Santa Fe, was traveling north on State Route 217 and crossed the centerline into the opposite lane of travel.▪ The Hyundai Santa Fe struck the Suzuki SX4 in a head-on type collision.▪ The decedent was entrapped in the vehicle and suffered multiple blunt force injuries.▪ Deputy Coroner Joshua C. Zappone pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.▪ A seat-belt was utilized by the decedent.▪ Air bags did deploy in the decedent's vehicle.▪ Cell phone use is not believed to have been a factor in the incident.▪ An autopsy will be performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on March 2, 2019.▪ Cause and manner of death will be pending autopsy and toxicology results.▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.▪ A funeral home has not been chosen at this time.▪ Pennsylvania State Police Kiski Barracks also investigated the incident.	
No further information is available at this time	