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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 4, 2019**

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| <u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatality | <u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> March 4, 2019 1:50 AM |
| <u>Incident Location:</u> | 184 Highway Street South Huntingdon Township |
| <u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: Sarah E. McDonald, 25 y/o female Address: West Hills Drive Hempfield Township | |
| Date and Time of Death: March 4, 2019 at 3:12 AM | |
| <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 South Huntingdon Township.▪ The decedent, Sarah E. McDonald, was the rear passenger of a Nissan Altima traveling south on Highway Street.▪ The vehicle failed to negotiate a right curve in the roadway, collided with a parked Subaru Outback, traveled up an embankment, and struck multiple trees.▪ Deputy Coroner Joshua C. Zappone pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.▪ A seat-belt was not 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 4, 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 Belle Vernon Barracks also investigated the incident. | |
| ***No further information is available at this time*** | |