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PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 7, 2019

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motorcycle Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> April 6, 2019 4:37 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u> St. Vincent Drive at entrance to Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve Unity Township	
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: Mark G. Gruss, 60 y/o male Address: Lakeview Drive Unity Township Date and Time of Death: April 6, 2019 at 5:38 PM	
<u>Incident Details:</u> Cause of Death: Blunt Force Injuries to the Head and Chest Due to: Single Vehicle Collision (Motorcycle) Manner of Death: Accidental <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a motorcycle fatality that occurred in Unity Township.▪ The decedent, Mark G. Gruss, was the operator and lone occupant of a 1998, Harley Davidson, traveling west on St. Vincent Drive.▪ The motorcycle crossed the centerline, traveled off the south side of the roadway, over an embankment, and into a drainage culvert.▪ The decedent was separated from the motorcycle.▪ Deputy Coroner John A. Ackerman pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.▪ The decedent was not utilizing a helmet at the time of the incident.▪ Cause and manner of death is reflected above.▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.▪ A funeral home has not been chosen at this time.▪ Pennsylvania State Police Greensburg Barracks also investigated the incident.	
****No further information is available at this time****	