**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 13, 2019

**Nature of Release:** Weather-Related Fatalities

**Date/Time of Incident:** June 13, 2019

Approximately 4:00 PM

**Incident Location:** Mammoth Park Lake
Mount Pleasant Township

**Decedent:** Brendan A. McGowan, 18 y/o male

**Address:** Eastview Drive
North Huntingdon Township

**Date and Time of Death:** June 13, 2019 at 5:08 PM

**Cause of Death:** Pending

**Manner of Death:** Pending

**Decedent:** Kaitlyn E. Rosensteel, 18 y/o female

**Address:** Chestnut Street
Donora Borough

**Date and Time of Death:** June 13, 2019 at 5:09 PM

**Cause of Death:** Pending

**Manner of Death:** Pending

**Incident Details:**

- Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on weather-related fatalities that occurred at Mammoth Park Lake in Mount Pleasant Township.
- Witnesses heard a loud crack and observed a large flash of light in the area where the decedents were fishing.
- Witnesses discovered a large splintered tree and the decedents below it.
- Deputy Coroner Jonathon Jenkins pronounced both decedents dead at the scene.
- Deputy Coroner Jonathon Jenkins and Deputy Coroner Doug Lewis investigated the incident.
- The decedents suffered injuries consistent with being struck by lightning.
- An autopsy will be performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on June 14, 2019.
- Official cause and manner of death will be pending autopsy and toxicology results.
- Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.
- Funeral homes for the decedents have not been chosen at this time.
- Westmoreland County Park Police and Westmoreland County Detective Bureau also investigated.

****No further information is available at this time****