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PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 13, 2019

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Weather-Related Fatalities	<u>Date/Time of Incident:</u> June 13, 2019 Approximately 4:00 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u> Mammoth Park Lake Mount Pleasant Township	
<u>Decedent:</u> Brendan A. McGowan, 18 y/o male <u>Address:</u> Eastview Drive North Huntingdon Township	<u>Decedent:</u> Kaitlyn E. Rosensteel, 18 y/o female <u>Address:</u> Chestnut Street Donoroa Borough
<u>Date and Time of Death:</u> June 13, 2019 at 5:08 PM	<u>Date and Time of Death:</u> June 13, 2019 at 5:09 PM
<u>Cause of Death:</u> Pending	<u>Cause of Death:</u> Pending
<u>Manner of Death:</u> Pending	<u>Manner of Death:</u> Pending
<u>Incident Details:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 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.	
<u>***No further information is available at this time***</u>	