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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 11, 2019**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Standoff Investigation	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> August 10, 2019 5:17 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u>	7 West Pine Street Delmont Borough
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: Richard S. Franco, 56 y/o male Address: Same as Incident Location	
Date and Time of Death: August 10, 2019 at 11:00 PM	
<u>Incident Details:</u>	Cause of Death: Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wound to the Head Manner of Death: Suicide <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a standoff investigation that occurred in Delmont Borough.▪ Delmont Borough Police and the Westmoreland County Detective Bureau attempted to serve a search warrant at the residence of Richard S. Franco.▪ Police heard multiple gunshots inside the residence while attempting to make entry.▪ After several hours of negotiations, specialized camera equipment was placed into the residence.▪ The decedent was discovered with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.▪ Deputy Coroner Jonathon W. Jenkins pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.▪ An autopsy was performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on August 11, 2019.▪ Cause and manner of death is reflected above.▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.▪ Gross Funeral Home of Penn Hills will be in charge of arrangements.▪ Delmont Borough Police and the Westmoreland County Detective Bureau will release additional details at their discretion.
****No further information is available at this time****	