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PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 16, 2019

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> December 15, 2017 7:09 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u>	Area of 1410 State Route 271 Fairfield Township
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: Benjamin D. Snyder, 37 y/o male Address: Debra Lane Upper Yoder Township, Cambria County Date and Time of Death: December 15, 2019 at 8:35 PM	
<u>Incident Details:</u> Cause of Death: Blunt Force Injuries to the Head and Chest Due to: Single Vehicle Collision Manner of Death: Accidental <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a motor vehicle fatality.▪ Benjamin D. Snyder was the operator and lone occupant of a 2014, Ford Escape, traveling south on State Route 271.▪ For an unknown reason, the decedent failed to negotiate a right curve in the roadway, crossed the centerline into the opposite lane of travel, traversed the left side of the roadway, traveled through a guide rail, descended a hillside, and struck a tree.▪ The decedent was entrapped in the vehicle.▪ Deputy Coroner Joshua C. Zappone pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.▪ The decedent was not utilizing a seat-belt at the time of the incident.▪ Air bags deployed within the vehicle.▪ Cause and manner of death is reflected above.▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.▪ Hindman Funeral Home of Johnstown will be in charge of arrangements.▪ Pennsylvania State Police Greensburg Barracks also investigated.	
<u>***** No further information is available from this office at this time*****</u>	