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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 25, 2020**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> July 24, 2020 2:50 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u>	Keystone Raceway 538 Stone Jug Road Derry Township
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: James R. Baker, 69 y/o male Address: Alpine Village Drive Municipality of Monroeville, Allegheny County	
Date and Time of Death: July 24, 2020 at 3:36 PM	
<u>Incident Details:</u> Cause of Death: Pending	
Manner of Death: Pending	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a motor vehicle fatality that occurred in Derry Township.▪ The decedent, James R. Baker, was the operator and lone occupant of a non-street legal, 1936 Ford Roadster.▪ The decedent was traveling down the drag track of the raceway when the vehicle made an abrupt right turn, struck a guiderail, struck a light pole, and overturned multiple times.▪ The decedent was transported by emergency medical personnel to Excelsa Latrobe Emergency Department where he was pronounced dead by a hospital physician.▪ The decedent was utilizing a helmet at the time of the incident.▪ The decedent was utilizing a harness and other safety equipment.▪ An autopsy will be performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on July 26, 2020.▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.▪ Cause and manner of death will be pending autopsy and toxicology results.▪ Vaia Funeral Home of Delmont will be in charge of arrangements.▪ Pennsylvania State Police Kiski Barracks also investigated the incident.	
****No further information is available at this time****	