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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**December 18, 2021**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> December 17, 2021 6:59 AM
<u>Incident Location:</u> Near Intersection of U.S. 22 and East Pittsburgh Street Salem Township	
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> <b>Decedent:</b> Ian C. Praster, Sr., 32 y/o male Address: Lockhart Street Brownsville Borough, Fayette County  Date and Time of Death: December 17, 2021 at 8:15 AM	
<u>Incident Details:</u> <b>Cause of Death: Blunt Force Trauma of the Thorax</b> <b>Due to: Two Vehicle Collision</b>  <b>Manner of Death: Accidental</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a motor vehicle collision that occurred in Salem Township.</li><li>▪ The decedent, Ian C. Praster, Sr., was the operator and lone occupant of a tractor-trailer traveling west on U.S. 22.</li><li>▪ The decedent struck a tri-axle dump truck in the rear.</li><li>▪ Deputy Coroner Sean R. Hribal pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.</li><li>▪ An autopsy was performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on December 17, 2021.</li><li>▪ Cause and manner of death is reflected above.</li><li>▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.</li><li>▪ Lantz Funeral Home of Uniontown will be in charge of arrangements.</li><li>▪ Pennsylvania State Police Kiski Barracks also investigated.</li></ul>	
<b>****<u>No further information is available at this time</u>****</b>	