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PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 11, 2022

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> June 11, 2022 Approximately 12:30 AM
<u>Incident Location:</u> Humphrey Road near Hickory Drive Hempfield Township	
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: Karen L. Botteicher, 61 y/o female Address: Shankle Way Derry Borough Date and Time of Death: June 11, 2022, at 1:30 AM	
<u>Incident Details:</u> Cause of Death: Pending Manner of Death: Pending <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Timothy Carson, has released the following information on a motor vehicle collision that occurred in Hempfield Township.▪ The decedent, Karen L. Botteicher, was the operator and lone occupant of a GMC Envoy, traveling north on Humphrey Road.▪ A Ford F-350, traveling south on Humphrey Road crossed the centerline into the opposite lane of travel and collided with the decedent's vehicle.▪ The decedent was entrapped within the vehicle.▪ Deputy Coroner Cara L. Shaffer pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.▪ It is unknown at this time, if speed and/or cellular phone use was a factor in the incident.▪ The decedent was not utilizing a seat-belt at the time of the incident.▪ An autopsy is scheduled with Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on June 12, 2022.▪ Cause and manner of death will be pending autopsy and toxicology results.▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.▪ A funeral home has not been chosen at this time.▪ Pennsylvania State Police Greensburg Barracks also investigated.	
No further information is available at this time	