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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 28, 2022**

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| <u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatality | <u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> September 28, 2022 6:51 AM |
| <u>Incident Location:</u> | Near 230 Westec Drive East Huntingdon Township |
| <u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: James A. Shifko, 62 y/o male Address: Broadway Avenue Hempfield Township | |
| Date and Time of Death: September 28, 2022, at 8:13 AM | |
| <u>Incident Details:</u> | Cause of Death: Blunt Force Injuries Due to: Single Vehicle Collision Manner of Death: Accidental <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Timothy Carson, has released the following information on a motor vehicle collision that occurred in East Huntingdon Township.▪ The decedent, James A. Shifko, was the operator and lone occupant of a 2011, Kia Sorrento, traveling south on Westec Drive.▪ The decedent suffered a medical emergency causing the vehicle to leave the east side of the roadway, travel through a grassy area, overturn, strike multiple objects, and come to rest on the passenger side of the vehicle.▪ Emergency medical personnel responded to the scene and transported the decedent to Excelsa Frick Emergency Department.▪ After all resuscitative efforts were exhausted, the decedent was pronounced dead by a hospital physician.▪ The decedent suffered fatal blunt force injuries in the collision.▪ The decedent was not utilizing a seatbelt at the time of the incident.▪ Airbags did deploy within the decedent's vehicle.▪ Cellular phone use was not a factor in the incident.▪ Cause and manner of death is reflected above.▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.▪ Bacha Funeral Home of Greensburg will be in charge of arrangements.▪ Pennsylvania State Police Greensburg Barracks also investigated. |
| ****<u>No further information is available at this time</u>**** | |