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PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 20th, 2023

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatalities	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> January 20, 2023 Approximately 1:09 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u> State Route 56 approximately ½ mile East of Laurel Ridge State Park Saint Clair Township	
Decedent: Robert Andrew Deemer, 36 y/o male Address: Dorothy Avenue Johnstown, Cambria County Date and Time of Death: January 20, 2023 at 3:00 PM Cause of Death: Blunt Force Injuries Due to: Two Motor Vehicle Collision Manner of Death: Accidental	Decedent: Gerald Everett McGeary, 84 y/o male Address: Van Horn Street Seward Borough, Westmoreland County Date and Time of Death: January 20, 2023 at 3:02 PM Cause of Death: Blunt Force Injuries Due to: Two Motor Vehicle Collision Manner of Death: Accidental

Incident Details

- Westmoreland County Coroner, Timothy Carson, has released the following information on a two, motor vehicle collision that resulted in multiple fatalities.
- Robert A. Deemer was the operator of a Dodge Ram traveling East on State Route 56.
- Gerald E. McGeary was the operator of a Chrysler 300 traveling West on State Route 56.
- The Dodge Ram crossed the centerline into the opposite lane of travel and struck the Chrysler 300 in a head-on type collision.
- Deputy Coroner Sean R. Hribal pronounced Robert A. Deemer and Gerald E. McGeary dead at the scene.
- Two other individuals involved in the collision were transported to a Cambria County Hospital.
- A seat-belt was not utilized by Robert A. Deemer or Gerald E. McGeary.
- It is unknown if drugs, speed, or cell phone use were a factor in the collision at this time.
- The cause and manner of death for both decedents is reflected above.
- Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.
- A Funeral Home is unknown at this time for Robert A. Deemer.
- Stuart Funeral Home of New Florence will be in charge of arrangement for Gerald E. McGeary.
- Pennsylvania State Police-Greensburg also investigated the incident and will release additional details at their discretion.

******No further information is available at this time******