



# WESTMORELAND COUNTY

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## WESTMORELAND COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

### Public Information Release Report

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Single Motorcycle Collision	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> May 12, 2023 5:27 PM
<u>Accident Location:</u> Near 5767 State Route 981 Unity Township, Westmoreland County	
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> <b>Victim:</b> Bruce E. Santella, 79 y/o male Home Address: Latrobe Crabtree Road Latrobe, PA 15650	
Date and Time of Death: May 12, 2023 at 5:57 PM.	

**Incident Details:**

**Cause of Death:**

**A. Blunt Force Injuries**

**B. Single Motorcycle Collision**

**Manner of Death: Accident**

- ✦ The decedent was the operator and lone occupant of a 2011 Harley Davidson motorcycle, traveling Southbound on State Route 981 at the above incident location.
- ✦ The decedent's motorcycle came in contact with the center divider for unknown reasons, at which time he became separated from the motorcycle.
- ✦ The decedent was transported to Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital. Death was pronounced by a hospital physician.
- ✦ Deputy Coroner Russell A. Morgan investigated the incident.
- ✦ The decedent was not utilizing a helmet at the time of the incident.
- ✦ Speed is an unknown factor in the incident.
- ✦ Cellular telephone, or illicit drug use is unknown.
- ✦ Toxicology test results will not be available for several weeks.
- ✦ Lopatich-Brinker Funeral Home in Latrobe will be handling funeral arrangements.
- ✦ Pennsylvania State Police-Greensburg is investigating the incident.
- ✦ Additional details will be released by Pennsylvania State Police-Greensburg at their discretion.

**\*\*\*\*\* No further information is available from this office at this time. \*\*\*\*\***