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PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 07, 2023

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Raceway Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> October 07, 2023 Approximately 4:02 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u> Keystone Raceway Derry Township, PA 15670	
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: Ronnie J. Ruggiero, 37 y/o male Address: Airview Drive Irwin, PA 15642 Date and Time of Death: October 07, 2023 at 5:34 PM	
<u>Incident Details:</u>	
Cause of Death: A. Blunt Force Injuries B. Single Drag Racing Truck Collision	
Manner of Death: Accidental	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Westmoreland County Coroner, Timothy Carson, has released the following information on a raceway fatality.Ronnie J. Ruggiero was the operator and lone occupant of a Ford drag racing truck competing in a raceway event.The decedent failed to stop at the end of the racetrack, traveled into a gravel safety pit at a high rate of speed and collided with a safety pit sand mound.Deputy Coroner, Russell A. Morgan, pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.The decedent was utilizing a safety helmet and five-point safety harness at the time of the incident.Cause and manner of death are reflected above.Toxicology test results will not be available for several weeks.A funeral home is unknown at this time.Pennsylvania State Police Kiski Barracks also investigated and will release additional details at their discretion.	
<p style="text-align: center;">*****No further information is available from this office at this time*****</p>	