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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 24, 2016**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motorcycle Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> April 24, 2016 2:05 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u>	Intersection of State Route 982 and Highview Street Derry Township
<b>Decedent:</b> Chad M. Gates, 29 y/o male Address: Johnston Drive Blairsville, PA 15717 Derry Township  Date and Time of Death: April 24, 2016 at 2:45 PM.	
<b>Incident Details:</b> <b>Cause of Death: Pending</b>  <b>Manner of Death: Pending</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information.</li><li>▪ The decedent, Chad M. Gates, was the operator and lone occupant of a 2012 Harley-Davidson, traveling south on State Route 982.</li><li>▪ The decedent was involved in a head-on collision with a 2001 Jeep Cherokee, traveling north on State Route 982.</li><li>▪ Deputy Coroner Sean R. Hribal investigated the incident and pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.</li><li>▪ An autopsy will be performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on April 25, 2016.</li><li>▪ A helmet was not utilized by the decedent.</li><li>▪ Official cause and manner of death will be pending autopsy and toxicology results.</li><li>▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.</li><li>▪ A funeral home has not been chosen at this time.</li><li>▪ Pennsylvania State Police Greensburg Barracks also investigated and will release additional details at their discretion.</li></ul>	
<b>***** No further information is available from this office at this time. *****</b>	