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

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Accident	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> June 24, 2016 Approximately 3:10 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u>	Near 3656 Meadowbrook Road Municipality of Murrysville
Decedent: Robert E. Hand, 59 y/o male. Address: Chambers Park Court Murrysville, PA 15668 Date and Time of Death: June 24, 2016 at 4:15 PM.	
<u>Incident Details:</u> Cause of Death: Pending Manner of Death: Pending <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information.▪ The decedent, Robert E. Hand, was the operator and lone occupant of a 2015, Chevrolet Cruze, traveling west on Meadowbrook Road.▪ For an unknown reason, the vehicle crossed the centerline into the opposite lane of traffic, left the south side of the roadway, struck a utility pole and tree, and came to rest in a wooded area.▪ Deputy Coroner Sean R. Hribal investigated the incident and pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.▪ The vehicle sustained minor damage to the passenger side.▪ There is no evidence speed was a factor in the incident.▪ Air bags were deployed in the vehicle.▪ A seat-belt was not utilized by the decedent.▪ Cell phone use is not considered a factor in the incident.▪ An autopsy will be performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on June 25, 2016.▪ Cause and manner of death will be pending autopsy and toxicology results.▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.▪ Hart Funeral Home of Murrysville will be in charge of funeral arrangements.▪ Murrysville Police Department also investigated and will release additional details at their discretion.	
***** No further information is available from this office at this time. *****	