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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**November 20, 2016**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> November 19, 2016 Approximately 6:49 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u>	In Front of 914 State Route 981 South Huntingdon Township
<b>Decedent:</b> Dennis L. Novak, 58 y/o male Address: State Route 981 South Huntingdon Township  Date and Time of Death: November 19, 2016 at 8:35 PM.	
<b><u>Incident Details:</u> Cause of Death: Blunt Force Trauma to the Head, Neck, Chest and Lower Extremities Due to: Single Vehicle Collision</b>	
<b>Manner of Death: Accidental</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information.</li><li>▪ The decedent was the operator and lone occupant of a GMC pickup truck traveling north on a straight stretch of State Route 981.</li><li>▪ For an unknown reason, the decedent left the east side of the roadway colliding with a utility pole and tree.</li><li>▪ Deputy Coroner Timothy P. O'Donnell investigated the incident and pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.</li><li>▪ Speed is believed to have played a factor in the incident.</li><li>▪ A seat-belt was not utilized by the decedent.</li><li>▪ Airbags were deployed in the decedent's vehicle.</li><li>▪ Cell phone use does not appear to be a factor in the incident.</li><li>▪ An autopsy will not be performed.</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 Belle Vernon Barracks will release additional details at their discretion.</li></ul>	
<b>***** <u>No further information is available from this office at this time.</u> *****</b>	