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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
December 23, 2016**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Train/Pedestrian Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> December 22, 2016 Approximately 5:27 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u> Norfolk Southern Railway, Main Track, Mile Post 321.90 (Near Main Street Bridge) City of Greensburg	
<b>Decedent:</b> Alexander L. Benson, 25 y/o male Address: Somerset Court City of Greensburg	
<b>Date and Time of Death:</b> December 22, 2016 at 7:07 PM.	
<b>Incident Details:</b> Cause of Death: Multiple Blunt Force Injuries Due to: Struck By Train	
<b>Manner of Death:</b> Suicide	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a train/pedestrian fatality.</li><li>▪ A Norfolk Southern train traveling eastbound struck the decedent at the above incident location.</li><li>▪ Train personnel sounded its horn and engaged the emergency braking system upon seeing the decedent on the track.</li><li>▪ Through witness statements, the decedent intentionally placed himself on the track to be struck by the train.</li><li>▪ Deputy Coroner Joshua C. Zappone and Deputy Coroner Doug Lewis investigated the incident.</li><li>▪ Deputy Coroner Zappone pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.</li><li>▪ An autopsy will not be performed.</li><li>▪ Cause and manner of death is reflected above.</li><li>▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.</li><li>▪ A funeral home has not been confirmed at this time.</li><li>▪ Greensburg Police Department 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>	