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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**April 28, 2017**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> April 27, 2017 7:29 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u> Intersection of U.S. Route 30 and Lewis Road Unity Township	
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> <b>Decedent:</b> Richard P. McLaughlin, 72 y/o male Address: Unity Square Unity Township  Date and Time of Death: April 27, 2017 at 10:00 PM.	
<b><u>Incident Details:</u> Cause of Death: Multiple Blunt Force Injuries Due to: Multi-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 on a motor vehicle fatality.</li><li>▪ Richard P. McLaughlin was the operator and lone occupant of a Buick Regal traveling south on Lewis Road.</li><li>▪ The decedent traveled through a green traffic control signal at the intersection of U.S. Route 30 and Lewis Road in an attempt to make a turn onto U.S. Route 30 east.</li><li>▪ A Volkswagon GTI was traveling west on U.S. Route 30 at a high rate of speed and failed to stop at a red traffic control signal at the intersection with Lewis Road.</li><li>▪ The Volkswagon GTI struck the decedent's vehicle on the driver's side.</li><li>▪ Emergency medical personnel transported the decedent to Excela Westmoreland emergency department where he was pronounced dead by an emergency department physician.</li><li>▪ The decedent was utilizing a seat-belt at the time of the incident.</li><li>▪ Air bags were deployed in the vehicle.</li><li>▪ Cell phone use by the decedent was not a factor in the incident.</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>▪ Kepple-Graft Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.</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. *****</b>	