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PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 27, 2017

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Excavating Accident	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> November 26, 2017 Approximately 6:20 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u>	254 Pine Run Church Road Washington Township
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: James J. Tonecha, 54 y/o male Address: 254 Pine Run Church Road Washington Township	
Date and Time of Death: November 26, 2017 at 8:00 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 on an excavating accident.▪ The decedent, James J. Tonecha, was operating a backhoe on his property.▪ For an unknown reason at this time, the decedent was discovered in the rear of the enclosed cab with evidence of trauma to his body.▪ Deputy Coroner John A. Ackerman pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.▪ An autopsy will be performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on November 27, 2017.▪ Cause and manner of death will be pending autopsy and toxicology results.▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.▪ A funeral home has not been chosen at this time.▪ Washington Township Police also investigated.	
***** No further information is available from this office at this. *****	