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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 5, 2018**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> January 4, 2018 7:31 PM
<u>Incident Location:</u> State Route 119 near Martin Road Hempfield Township	
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: Donald J. Smith, 56 y/o male Address: State Route 819 Hempfield Township Date and Time of Death: January 4, 2018 at 8:12 PM.	
<u>Incident Details:</u> Cause of Death: Blunt Force Trauma to the Head, Neck, and Chest Due to: Single Vehicle Collision Manner of Death: Accidental <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a motor vehicle fatality.▪ Donald J. Smith was the operator and lone occupant of a 2011, Toyota RAV4, traveling north on State Route 119.▪ The decedent failed to negotiate a right curve in the roadway, crossed the center line, traveled off the west side of the roadway, and struck an embankment.▪ The decedent was entrapped in the vehicle and sustained fatal injuries.▪ Deputy Coroner Jonathon W. Jenkins pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.▪ Speed is believed to have been a factor in the incident.▪ The decedent was not utilizing a seat-belt at the time of the incident.▪ Air bags did deploy in the vehicle.▪ Cell phone use by the decedent is not believed to have been a factor in the incident.▪ An autopsy will not be performed.▪ Cause and manner of death is reflected above.▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.▪ Pantalone Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.▪ Pennsylvania State Police Greensburg Barracks also investigated and will release additional details at their discretion.	
***** No further information is available from this office at this. *****	