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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 7, 2019**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Collision	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> February 7, 2019 Approximately 10:00 AM
<u>Incident Location:</u> 790 Main Street North Huntingdon Township	
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> <b>Decedent:</b> Ronald E. Sopko, 47 y/o male Address: Mamont Road Municipality of Murrysville  Date and Time of Death: February 7, 2019 at 11:04 AM	
<u>Incident Details:</u> <b>Cause of Death: Pending</b>  <b>Manner of Death: Pending</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a motor vehicle collision that occurred in North Huntingdon Township.</li><li>▪ The decedent, Ronald E. Sopko, was the operator of a U.S. Postal Service delivery truck while performing his job duties.</li><li>▪ The vehicle was traveling northeast on Main Street when he crossed the centerline into the opposite lane of travel and left the west side of the roadway.</li><li>▪ The vehicle traveled down an embankment and struck the porch of a residence.</li><li>▪ Emergency medical personnel responded to the scene and transported the decedent to Excelsa Westmoreland Emergency Department, where he was pronounced dead by a hospital physician.</li><li>▪ Deputy Coroner Sean R. Hribal investigated the incident.</li><li>▪ A seat-belt was utilized by the decedent.</li><li>▪ Speed is not believed to have been a factor in the incident.</li><li>▪ Cell phone use is not believed to have been a factor in the incident.</li><li>▪ An autopsy will be performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on February 8, 2019.</li><li>▪ Cause and manner of death will be pending autopsy and toxicology results.</li><li>▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.</li><li>▪ Gilbert Funeral Home of Boston will be in charge of arrangements.</li><li>▪ North Huntingdon Township Police also investigated the incident.</li></ul>	
<b>****No further information is available at this time****</b>	