



**WESTMORELAND COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE CORONER**

2503 South Grande Boulevard  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
Phone: (724) 830-3636 Fax: (724) 830-3064  
[www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/coroner](http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/coroner)

Kirk E. Nolan  
Chief Deputy

**Kenneth A. Bacha**  
Coroner

Jeffrey D. Monzo  
Solicitor

**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 14, 2019**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Nature of Release:</b> Motor Vehicle Fatality  | <b>Date and Time of Incident:</b> October 14, 2019<br>1:21 PM |
| <b>Incident Location:</b> 159 State Route 217<br>Derry Township   |   |
| <b>Person(s) Involved:</b> <b>Decedent:</b> Cleo E. Free, 76 y/o female<br>Address: Ann Street<br>Burrell Township, Indiana County<br><br>Date and Time of Death: October 14, 2019 at 2:04 PM   |   |
| <b>Incident Details:</b> <b>Cause of Death: Multiple Blunt Force Injuries<br/>Due to: Single Vehicle Collision</b><br><br><b>Manner of Death: Accidental</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a motor vehicle fatality that occurred in Derry Township.</li><li>▪ The decedent, Cleo E. Free, was the operator and lone occupant of a 2013, Ford Fiesta, traveling south on State Route 217.</li><li>▪ For an unknown reason, the decedent failed to negotiate a left turn in the roadway.</li><li>▪ The decedent traveled off the west side of the roadway, through a fence, and struck a tree.</li><li>▪ Emergency medical personnel transported the decedent to Excelsa Latrobe Emergency Department where she was pronounced dead by a hospital physician.</li><li>▪ The decedent was utilizing a seat-belt at the time of the incident.</li><li>▪ Air bags did deploy in the decedent's vehicle.</li><li>▪ Cell phone use is not believed to be a factor in the incident.</li><li>▪ Cause and manner of death is reflected above.</li><li>▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.</li><li>▪ Ferguson Funeral Home of Blairsville will be in charge of arrangements.</li><li>▪ Pennsylvania State Police Kiski Barracks also investigated.</li></ul><br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>****No further information is available at this time****</b></p> |   |