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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 5, 2020**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Motor Vehicle Fatality	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> July 4, 2020 7:18 AM
<u>Incident Location:</u>	State Route 217 at Pizza Barn Road Derry Township
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u>	<b>Decedent:</b> Brittany C. Lash, 23 y/o female Address: Deluca Avenue Blairsville Borough, Indiana County  Date and Time of Death: July 4, 2020 at 8:30 AM
<u>Incident Details:</u>	<b>Cause of Death: Blunt Force Injuries of the Head, Torso, and Extremities Due to: Two 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 that occurred in Derry Township.</li><li>▪ The decedent, Brittany C. Lash, was the operator and lone occupant of a 1998, Chevrolet Blazer, traveling east on Pizza Barn Road.</li><li>▪ The decedent entered State Route 217 and collided with a 2013, Ford F150.</li><li>▪ The decedent was ejected from her vehicle.</li><li>▪ Deputy Coroner John A. Ackerman pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.</li><li>▪ The decedent was not utilizing a seat-belt at the time of the incident.</li><li>▪ Air bags deployed within the decedent's vehicle.</li><li>▪ Cell phone use being a factor in the incident is unknown at this time.</li><li>▪ An autopsy was performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on July 5, 2020.</li><li>▪ Cause and manner of death is reflected above.</li><li>▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.</li><li>▪ Shoemaker Funeral Home of Blairsville will be in charge of arrangements.</li><li>▪ Pennsylvania State Police Kiski Barracks also investigated.</li></ul>
<b>****No further information is available at this time****</b>	