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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 14, 2020**

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| <u>Nature of Release:</u> Murder/Suicide Investigation | <u>Date/Time of Incident:</u> October 14, 2020 Approximately 1:41 AM |
| <u>Incident Location:</u> 910 State Route 356 Allegheny Township | |
| Decedent: Karen A. Dufford, 62 y/o female Address: Same as Incident Location Date and Time of Death: October 14, 2020 at 3:20 AM Cause of Death: Multiple Gunshot Wounds Manner of Death: Homicide | Decedent: John E. Dufford, 59 y/o male Address: Same as Incident Location Date and Time of Death: October 14, 2020 at 3:22 AM Cause of Death: Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wound to the Head Manner of Death: Suicide |
| <u>Incident Details:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a murder/suicide investigation in Allegheny Township.▪ The siblings, John E. Dufford and Karen A. Dufford, were involved in a physical altercation at their residence.▪ The incident escalated and John Dufford discharged a firearm striking Karen Dufford multiple times.▪ John Dufford then discharged a firearm striking himself in the head.▪ Deputy Coroner Joshua C. Zappone pronounced both decedents dead at the scene.▪ The cause and manner of death for both decedents is reflected above.▪ A funeral home has not been chosen at this time.▪ Allegheny Township Police Department and the Westmoreland County Detective Bureau also investigated. | |
| ****<u>No further information is available at this time</u>**** | |