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### DEPUTY CORONER HIRED

Westmoreland County Coroner Timothy Carson has announced the hiring of Cara Shaffer as a Deputy Coroner of the Westmoreland County Coroner's Office.

The hiring fills the lone vacancy in the office left by a previous retirement. Cara served an internship with the Westmoreland County Coroner's Office in 2012. Cara attended West Virginia University where she graduated in 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, specializing in Forensic Investigative Science.

Cara was previously employed as a Forensic Investigator for the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office in Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office in Ramsey, Minnesota. Cara was employed by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office during the investigation into the death of George Floyd. Cara was most recently employed with the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office in Cleveland, Ohio before accepting the position with the Westmoreland County Coroner's Office.

Cara holds registry status as a diplomate with the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators and holds the title (D-ABMDI). Cara will attend the Pennsylvania State Coroners' Education Board - Basic Education Course the next time it is offered.

Coroner Carson welcomes Cara as the first full-time female investigator known in the history of Westmoreland County. Cara's education, experience, and certifications are an asset to the citizens of our county.



Coroner Carson and Deputy Shaffer