



**Pennsylvania Law Enforcement
Crash - Public Information Release Report**

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- DUI Fatality Hit and Run Commercial Vehicle State Police Vehicle Local Police Vehicle
 Other Work Zone ATV Snowmobile Commonwealth Vehicle Local Gov Vehicle

Agency Information:

AGENCY PA STATE POLICE - BELLE VERNON	INVESTIGATOR MARTIER, TYLER
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Summary Information:

CAD/CASE NUMBER PA 2022-630702	CRASH DATE 05/20/2022	CRASH TIME 18:42 hrs.
COUNTY WESTMORELAND	MUNICIPALITY ROSTRAVER TWP	
ROUTE # 0070	SEGMENT #	STREET 170
		STREET ENDING HIGHWAY
LOCATION I70 W MILE MARKER 43.5		

People Involved:

UNIT # 001	PERSON DRIVER	FIRST NAME MAKENDY	MI	LAST NAME LACHAUD	SUFFIX	AGE 30	Gender M
CITY LAUREL				STATE DE	SAFETY EQUIPMENT LAP AND SHOULDER BELT USED		
EMS TRANSPORT REFUSED TRANSPORT		INJURY SEVERITY SUSPECTED MINOR INJURY					
EMS AGENCY				MEDICAL FACILITY NONE			

UNIT # 001	PERSON PASSENGER	FIRST NAME ROBERT	MI	LAST NAME GILLES	SUFFIX	AGE 42	Gender M
CITY LAUREL				STATE DE	SAFETY EQUIPMENT LAP AND SHOULDER BELT USED		
EMS TRANSPORT REFUSED TRANSPORT		INJURY SEVERITY SUSPECTED MINOR INJURY					
EMS AGENCY				MEDICAL FACILITY NONE			

Vehicles Involved:

UNIT # 001	YEAR 2004	VEHICLE MAKE FREIGHTLINER	MODEL TRUCK
DRIVER CHARGED? Y	PRIMARY VIOLATION 33091 DRIVING ON ROADWAYS LANED FOR TRAFFIC		

Crash Synopsis:

This crash occurred on 05/20/22, at approximately 1840 hours on I70 near mile marker 43.3 westbound, Rostraver Twp., Westmorland Co. Unit #1 was traveling at high rate of speed in the right hand lane of I70 westbound. At that time, the operator of the vehicle then began to lose control of the vehicle. This action then caused the vehicle to exit the roadway and travel through the soft shoulder of the roadway. The cab of



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Unit #1 then became impaled by several trees resulting in the vehicle coming to final rest. Due to the violent stopping motion of Unit #1, the load contained inside the trailer of Unit #1 became dislodged causing approximately 15,000 pounds of hot dog filler to catapult onto the roadway. Both the operator and passenger of Unit #1 suffered minor injuries and refused medical treatment. The roadway was then cleared of all hot dog debris and reopened at approximately 2230 hours. Further investigation into the crash revealed that multiple brakes on the vehicle were completely inoperable, resulting in a total loss of stopping power. Numerous citations to be filed against Operator #1.