



**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 - PITTSBURGH	INVESTIGATOR DANCHO, ADAM
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**Summary Information:**

CAD/CASE NUMBER PA 2022-747283	CRASH DATE 06/10/2022	CRASH TIME 09:17 hrs.
COUNTY ALLEGHENY	MUNICIPALITY PITTSBURGH CITY	
ROUTE # 0376	SEGMENT # 0755	STREET 1376
		STREET ENDING PARKWAY
LOCATION I376 E AT MM 75.5 EB (INSIDE THE SQUIRREL HILL TUNNEL)		

**People Involved:**

UNIT # 001	PERSON DRIVER	FIRST NAME RONELL	MI L	LAST NAME SMITH	SUFFIX	AGE 44	Gender M
CITY PITTSBURGH				STATE PA	SAFETY EQUIPMENT LAP AND SHOULDER BELT USED		
EMS TRANSPORT NOT TRANSPORTED		INJURY SEVERITY SUSPECTED MINOR INJURY					
EMS AGENCY PITTSBURGH				MEDICAL FACILITY UPMC PRESBYTERIAN			

**Vehicles Involved:**

UNIT # 001	YEAR 2011	VEHICLE MAKE CHEVROLET	MODEL CK 2500
DRIVER CHARGED? Y		PRIMARY VIOLATION 4942C REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT	

**Crash Synopsis:**

Pennsylvania State Police - Pittsburgh responded to a single vehicle crash with a vehicle overturned on I-376 E at mile marker 75.4, inside the (Outbound) Eastbound tube of the Squirrel Hill Tunnel. Troopers arrived within 2 minutes and located the Operator who was self-extricated with minor injuries.

Investigation revealed that Unit 1 was in the right lane eastbound inside the tunnel. Unit 1 was towing a semi-trailer loaded with a skid steer and miscellaneous equipment. Operator related that he attempted to brake for slowing traffic when the trailer began to sway back and forth in both lanes. Unit 1 struck the concrete barrier on the north side (left) of the tunnel then crossed south and struck the concrete barrier on the south side (right). Unit 1 then went across both lanes and struck the north barrier before overturning across both lanes. Both lanes eastbound were blocked.

Pittsburgh Fire Department, Pittsburgh EMS, PennDOT, McGann and Chester Towing, and PSP Motorcycle Unit assisted at the scene.



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**Eastbound traffic in the Squirrel Hill Tunnel was closed until 1120hrs. Eastbound traffic was diverted off the Interstate at Squirrel Hill / Homestead and the Oakland Exits. Traffic stuck inside the eastbound tunnel was assisted by Troopers and PennDOT in exiting the tunnel.**

**Pennsylvania State Police Motor Carrier Enforcement conducted a post crash inspection of the vehicle and determined that the truck and trailer, in combination, was over the allowable weight for the vehicles by 8,160 lbs. The vehicle being overweight likely contributed to the failure of braking systems of the vehicle and causing it to overturn.**

**Charges are being filed against the operator of the vehicle and the vehicle owners for multiple vehicle code violations with relation to the crash and equipment violations. Charges will be filed with Pittsburgh Municipal Court.**