



# Allen County Coroner

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## PRESS RELEASE

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To: All Media Outlets  
From: Michael Burris  
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The Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of the death of Thijs Kraakman, 27 year old male white of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mr. Kraakman was the restrained driver involved in a head on crash on I469, near the 24.6 mile marker, on Sunday, May 29, 2016. The crash occurred at about 02:35 am on May 29, 2016. Mr. Kraakman was pinned inside the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene at 03:14 am on May 29, 2016.

The Cause of Death has been determined to be Blunt Force Trauma due to the Motor Vehicle Crash and the Manner of Death is Accident.

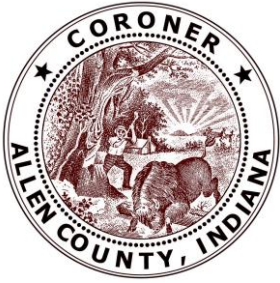
Thijs Kraakman is the 15th traffic fatality in Allen County in 2016. The crash remains under investigation by the Allen County Sheriff's Department and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

The autopsy has been completed and notification has been made to the next of kin of Hector R. Sustaita, 51 year old male Hispanic, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mr. Sustaita was shot in the 2500 block of Brooklyn Avenue at about 22:30 pm on May 30, 2016. Mr. Sustaita was found on scene and transported to a local hospital. Death was pronounced at 23:04 pm on May 30, 2016, at the hospital.

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The Cause of Death has been determined to be Gunshot Wound(s) and the Manner of Death is Homicide.

Hector Sustaita is the 13<sup>th</sup> homicide in Allen County in 2016. This incident remains under investigation by the Fort Wayne Police Department, the Allen County Coroner's Office and the Allen County Prosecutor's Office.

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