



# Allen County Coroner

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## PRESS RELEASE

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To: All Media Outlets  
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The Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of the death of June Hatke, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, female white 81 years of age, who was involved in a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of U.S. 24 and Liberty Mills Roads, on June 4, 2016. June Hatke was transported from the scene to a local hospital where she was admitted. The decedent was released to home under hospice care and death was reported on June 17, 2016. The Cause of Death is Respiratory Failure due to Blunt Force Trauma due to Motor Vehicle Crash, and the Manner of Death is Accident.

June Hatke is the 18<sup>th</sup> fatal motor vehicle crash in Allen County in 2016.

The Allen County Coroner's Office was also notified of the death of John Bennett, Jr. of Fort Wayne, Indiana, male black 15 years of age, who was found suffering from gunshot wounds in the area of Avondale and Baxter Avenues on June 15, 2016 at about 16:15 hours. John Bennett, Jr. was transported from the scene to a local hospital where he was admitted. John Bennett, Jr. was pronounced deceased at 14:50 hours on June 16, 2016. The Cause of Death is Gunshot Wound(s), and the Manner of Death is Homicide.

John Bennett, Jr. is the 14<sup>th</sup> Homicide victim in Allen County for 2016.

Michael Burris  
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