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To: All Media Outlets
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The Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of the death of Virginia Smith, female, black, 83 years of age of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Virginia Smith was a passenger involved in a two vehicle crash on Lafayette Street at Pontiac Street, on this date, at about 07:35 hours. Virginia Smith was transported from the scene to a local hospital where death was pronounced.

An autopsy has been performed and the Cause of Death is Blunt Force Trauma due to a Motor Vehicle Crash, and the Manner of Death is Accident

Virginia Smith is the 13th traffic fatality for Fort Wayne and Allen County in 2017.

The incident remains under investigation by the Fort Wayne Police Department, Allen County Prosecutor's Office, and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

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