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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To: All Media Outlets
From: Michael Burris
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The Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of the Motor Vehicle Crash located in the 26000 of Gore Road, Woodburn, Indiana 46797, on Monday, October 30, 2017 at about 18:40 hours. The driver of the single vehicle crash was found inside the burned vehicle and death was pronounced on scene. The Coroner's Office was requested on scene. The body of the driver was extracted from the wreckage and transported to the NEIFC for autopsy and identification purposes. Due to the significant thermal damage to the body, visual identification is not possible. Other means of identification are being used. Once positive identification has been made, and next of kin has been notified, the identity of the deceased will be released.

The Cause of Death has been determined to be Blunt Force Injury and Smoke Inhalation due to Motor Vehicle Crash. Manner of Death is Accident. This is the 34th fatal motor vehicle crash in Allen County in 2017.

The Allen County Coroner's Office was notified of the death of Decapitol D. Daugherty, male white 80 years of age, from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Decapitol Daugherty was a driver involved in the crash located near the 21.8 mm of I469 Northbound, on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at about 14:40 hours. Decapitol Daugherty was transported to a local hospital and death was pronounced after admission.

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Notification was made to the next of kin.

The Cause of Death is Blunt Force Trauma due to Motor Vehicle Crash. The Manner of Death is Accident. Decapitol Daugherty is the 35th fatal crash in Allen County in 2017.

Both incidents remain under investigation by the Allen County Sheriff's Department, the Allen County Prosecutor's Office and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

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