



# Allen County Coroner

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## PRESS RELEASE

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Reference the death of Peter Kowal III, on July 13, 2016, the Allen County Coroner's Office has determined the Cause of Death as Smoke Inhalation and Thermal Burns the Manner of Death has been determined to be Suicide.

Mr. Kowal was found in the north alley of 1100 Kinsmoor Avenue after a neighbor reported a garbage can fire to 911 dispatchers. The Fort Wayne Police Department, Fort Wayne Fire Department and Allen County Coroner's Office were notified and investigated the incident. Upon the conclusion of the autopsy and interviews with witnesses and family members the death was determined to be a suicide.

On July 18, 2016, at about 17:15 hours the Allen County Coroner's Office was contacted and advised of a motor vehicle crash in the 6500 block of Hessen Cassel Road, involving a motorcycle and an SUV style vehicle. The motorcyclist was pronounced at the scene and has been positively identified as Kenneth Muthleb, male black, 41 years of age, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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.

Kenneth Muthleb is the 21<sup>st</sup> fatal motor vehicle crash in Allen County in 2016.

Michael Burris  
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