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UPDATE to Fatal Car Fire in Rankin Borough

Rankin, Allegheny County – At approximately 6:55 pm yesterday evening the Rankin Fire department was notified of a vehicle fire in an alley connecting Fleet St. and Pattison Ave. There they found a small sedan with the interior smoldering. When they entered the vehicle they discovered a person in the driver's seat. Paramedics pronounced the person dead at the scene.

The Allegheny County Medical Examiner's office has completed the autopsy of the victim. It was determined that the cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head and the manner of death was homicide. At this point in the investigation, it appears the interior of the vehicle was set on fire after the victim had been shot.

Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that the victim's vehicle arrived at the location it was ultimately discovered at approximately 1:45 p.m. on December 12th. It was also determined that the victim had found a lost dog at some point during the morning yesterday. He contacted the owner listed on the dog's tag and made arrangements to return the dog. We are asking for the dog owner to contact the Allegheny County Police Homicide Unit with any information concerning the return of the dog.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to call the Allegheny County Police Tip Line at **1-833-ALL-TIPS** (1-833-255-8477); callers can remain anonymous. We can also be reached via our social media sites.

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