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PMV-4 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Specialist assigned to Fort Stewart, Georgia, died in a PMV-4 mishap 18 May 2020 in Hinesville, Georgia, at 2230 local. The Soldier was driving his PMV on Route 84 with another Soldier as a passenger when they were struck head-on by a vehicle traveling on the wrong side of the road. The Soldier driving died at the scene. The other Soldier was evacuated to a local hospital with a possible leg fracture. The civilian driver of the vehicle that caused the accident reportedly had a blood alcohol concentration of .244, more than three times the legal limit, and later died from his injuries. The Soldier's seat belt use is unknown at this time. The mishap is under investigation.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 34 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-4 mishaps. This mishap is the 19th off-duty PMV-4 fatality of FY20 and below the number of similar fatalities during the same time period last year.

PLRs are intended to be used as an engagement tool for leaders to discuss the hazards and trends impacting Soldier safety and readiness. The PLR contains only basic information but provides sufficient background to allow leaders an opportunity to communicate risk at the Soldier level. More detailed information on this and other Army mishaps can be found on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website at <https://safety.army.mil/lessonslearned>.

To access current U.S. Army accident statistics and reports, visit <https://safety.army.mil/STATISTICS>.

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