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PMV-4 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Sergeant assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, died in a PMV-4 mishap 16 August 2020 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, 1930 local. The Soldier was traveling on the Bluegrass Parkway when he attempted to make a U-turn and was struck by an oncoming vehicle. The Soldier's use of seat belt has not been verified. Speed and alcohol use are 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 26th PMV-4 fatality of FY20 and is below the number of similar fatalities during the same time period last year. Only make a legal U-turn if there is an unobstructed view of oncoming traffic. Speed limit, visibility, and the amount of space available to turn around are all factors you must consider before turning around in traffic. Sometimes, proceeding to the next exit, exiting and reentering the highway is your best choice.

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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Additional U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center PLR resources can be found on the USACRC website at <https://safety.army.mil/PLR>.

