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A Private assigned to Camp Ederle died in a PMV-4 mishap on 1 May 2021 in Vicenza, Italy. At 2330, multiple authorities, including the Military Police, a traffic accident investigator and the local police responded to the report of a vehicle mishap. Upon arrival, they discovered a single vehicle occupied by three Soldiers. The initial report indicated the driver became distracted when he glanced at his phone, causing him to drive off the road, strike a parked car and overturn. The driver is suspected of driving under the influence after patrols administered a Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) and he registered a .104 blood alcohol content (BAC). Neither passengers were wearing their seat belts. One of the passengers was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver and other passenger were transported to the local hospital and received treatment for non-fatal injuries. The investigation is ongoing and pending the results of the local report.

In Italy, a reading of .05 on a blood alcohol test is grounds for a Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) offense. Also, in accordance with Italian law, there is a zero tolerance for personnel who are 26 years old and younger or have had their license for three years or less.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 33 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-4 mishaps. This mishap is the 27th PMV-4 fatality of FY21.

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>.

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