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PMV-4 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A 43-year-old Active Guard Reserve Sergeant assigned to the Army National Guard, Columbia, South Carolina, died in a PMV-4 mishap 21 August 2021 in Saluda County, South Carolina, at 2355 local. The Soldier was traveling westbound when his vehicle left the road and struck a tree. The Saluda County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene, and the Soldier was pronounced dead. He was not wearing a seat belt, and alcohol was suspected as a contributing factor. Speed as a contributing factor is currently unknown. It is also unknown who placed the 911 call. The state safety office is waiting for local law enforcement to release the final report.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 33 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-4 mishaps. This mishap was the 43rd 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>.

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

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