

# Press Release



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## **Civic Leader Sentenced to 10+ Years for Killing Biker**

Tavares, FL, September 30, 2011 – After changing his plea to “guilty” back on September 19<sup>th</sup>, former Public Defender Bruce Duncan was sentenced today to ten years and four months in a state prison, three years probation, a lifetime loss of his Drivers License, as well as a \$5,000 fine. This sentence was received after Duncan got drunk and drove his truck into Herbert “Steve” Muller on October 17, 2009, killing Steve.

Duncan’s attorneys asked the court for a sentence of four years, the state’s minimum sentence according to the guidelines. The prison sentence Duncan received was the recommendation by the guidelines. “The fact that the Judge did not depart from Florida’s Sentencing Guidelines is a breath of fresh air” ABATE of Florida, Inc. State President, James “Doc” Reichenbach II stated today. “The defense had lined up a list of community leaders attempting to say Duncan was a great guy, and many were worried that Duncan wasn’t going to receive the punishment he deserved”.

Members from at least six ABATE of Florida chapters and other motorcyclists were present during many of the hearings, showing support for Steve Muller’s family and letting the public know that motorcyclists’ lives are worth more than a simple fine.

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ABATE of Florida, Inc. is Florida’s largest Motorcyclists’ Rights Organization, and one of the top four largest nationwide. ABATE of Florida members come from all walks of life and include many elected officials. Our missions are to educate the public about motorcycle awareness and continuing to fight in Tallahassee for the rights of every motorcyclist and the public in general. To aid in these ends, we have an exclusive lobbyist and have founded the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program, both with the intentions to help make the roads safer for everyone.

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