

# Press Release



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## **Court Date Set for Killer of Motorcycle Passenger**

Estero, FL - October 10, 2011 – Friday August 26, 2011 Doug McGill was riding his Yamaha motorcycle with his friend Janine Becker on the back. They stopped for the red traffic light after arriving at an intersection near the Coconut Point Mall. Stephen Alexander Brown pulled up behind them as the traffic light was changing from red to green, but instead of stopping, reports say he accelerated his Pontiac Grand Prix straight into the rear of McGill's bike. After both were thrown from the bike, McGill was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Janine Becker was pronounced dead at Gulf Coast Hospital.

Brown was cited for careless driving and driving a vehicle in an unsafe condition or with defective equipment. Since Janine Becker was killed in the crash, Brown will be required to appear before the Lee County Court on October 20, 2011. As of now, he only faces \$267 in related fines. The Judge assigned to this case, the Honorable H Andrew Swett, has the ability to impose additional penalties. However, even though it appears Brown was fully at fault in this fatal crash, he will not see any jail time for killing a motorcyclist. The current laws don't call for incarceration in negligent driving cases such as this. Brown did get arrested for Possession of Marijuana back in June 2011; maybe that will send him to jail since killing a biker won't.

ABATE of Florida's Estero River Chapter will be at the October 20, 2011 8:15 am hearing, hoping for justice to be served in the killing of their chapter's member. **Contact Estero River Chapter President Mark Williams at 239-825-5848 or [marcumw@aol.com](mailto:marcumw@aol.com) for additional information.**

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