

Press Release



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A Hearing & A Trial: Motorcyclists' Killers Going Before the Judges

Deland, FL, May 4, 2011 – On May 11, 2011, there will be yet another hearing in Seminole County regarding the crash that killed "Diamond" Dave Mackish in September 2009. Ruth Perez, the driver responsible for slamming into three vehicles and killing Mackish in the process, has not yet gone to trial. It is believed that Perez's attorneys have been delaying the trial, she has been to very few of the hearings, and it seems that the Judge may be getting tired of the delays. ABATE of Florida's Brevard County Chapter will be attending the hearing and are planning a group ride at 7am May 11th, leaving the area of Interstate 95 & Route 46, heading to the Seminole County Courthouse. Contact the Brevard County Chapter Secretary Jonell Pope at 321-698-5077 for more information.

In another part of Florida, over a year after John Holmes, Patricia Beihayn, William Barker, & Patrice Poole were killed by Paul Sermons while he was driving under the influence & with a suspended drivers license, he will finally be going to trial in Sumter County on June 6, 2011. He currently faces a total of nine charges including DUI Manslaughter and Vehicular Homicide for the March 13, 2010 crash. He was arrested on June 16, 2010 after the Florida Highway Patrol and Sumter County Sheriff's Office executed an arrest warrant, and has been held on an over \$200,000 bond since.

The trial is expected to last a week. ABATE of Florida, Inc. is planning on attending the trial, with Lake County Chapter President Casey Staley organizing a ride to the courthouse. Contact her at president@lake.abateflorida.com or 407-469-2455 for more information.

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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