

Press Release



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Killer of Four Motorcyclists Going to Prison... For Life and Then Some

Sumter County, FL, July 7, 2011 – On March 13, 2010 Paul Sermons got drunk, got into his truck, and decided to drive down County Road 476 in Sumter County, FL. The traffic in front of him going slower than Sermons wanted, he began passing other vehicles. The two motorcycles coming in the other direction had no chance. Sermons hit both bikes ejecting all four riders; with one rider being launched into the windshield of the truck Sermons was passing. All the motorcyclists were killed.

On June 10, 2011, Sermons was found guilty of four counts of DUI Manslaughter and one count of driving on a suspended driver's license. A few weeks later on July 6, 2011, the Honorable Judge Hallman had Sermons in his courtroom for the last time. By the time this final hearing was over, it was decided; Paul Sermons would never again walk as a free man. Not only did Judge Hallman sentence Sermons to life in prison, he sentenced Sermons to one life sentence for each of the four people he killed as well as pulling his driver's license for life and many fines and fees.

ABATE of Florida members from many chapters were at every hearing throughout this case. Our members were there to offer support to the victims' families from the beginning to the end of the hearings and trial. The Court recognized our presence from our members being in the courtroom to asking potential jurors if they were ABATE members. Although justice was finally served in this case, all must understand that in the end, there were no winners.

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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