

# Press Release



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## **Motorcyclist's Killer to Be Sentenced, a Year and a Half Later**

Seminole County, FL, May 18, 2011 – Over a year and a half ago, Ruth Perez was allegedly driving under the influence when she slammed into three vehicles killing "Diamond" Dave Mackish in the process. She was arrested and charged with DUI with Serious Bodily Injury, DUI and Causing Damage or Injury, and DUI Manslaughter. After numerous hearings at the Seminole County Courthouse since the September 2009 fatal crash, Ruth Perez has finally entered a plea of GUILTY to all charges. Judge Donna Mackintosh allowed Perez to remain free on bond until the June 17, 2011 sentencing, however, she specifically required that Perez cannot possess or consume any alcohol, and cannot operate a motor vehicle. Judge Mackintosh also made the June 17, 2011 sentencing mandatory for Perez to attend, possibly since Perez had missed many of the previous hearings.

According to those in the courtroom during the May 16<sup>th</sup> hearing, Perez is subject to being sentenced between four and twenty-one years.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is asking that motorcyclists show support by attending the upcoming sentencing on June 17, 2011 at 1:30 pm in Seminole County's Justice Building's Courtroom 5C. ABATE of Florida's Brevard County Chapter will be attending this hearing; contact the Brevard County Chapter Secretary Jonell Pope at 321-698-5077 for more information.

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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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