

# Press Release



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## **Motorist Going to Court after Hitting Biker**

Alachua County, FL, July 30, 2011 – On August 9, 2010, ABATE of Florida, Inc. Life Member Jeff Burrow was riding his Kawasaki Z1000 motorcycle through Alachua County, FL. He didn't see the Hyundai Sonata cross into his path until it was too late. Amanda J. Skadhauge of Ocala, FL had decided to take a left turn, possibly not realizing that Jeff was already in the intersection. After landing a distance from the actual crash site, Jeff was transported to a Trauma Center to deal with the brain swelling, severe concussions, sprains, severe contusions in numerous places throughout his body, torn ligaments, and bruised organs. Three of the four days of his stay there the doctors kept him unconscious to help his body deal with the brain swelling.

Incredibly, Jeff Burrow survived this traumatic crash.

On Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 9 AM Ms. Skadhauge will be standing in front of the Court at the Alachua County Courthouse, Family and Civil Justice Center, Room 1A (201 East University Ave. Gainesville, Florida, 32601). She's been cited with Failing to Yield to Oncoming Traffic (while taking a left turn) and currently faces a SIXTY-TWO DOLLAR FINE. To date, the court costs of \$92 exceed the penalty, literally adding insult to the injury.

Motorcyclists and concerned citizenry are asked to attend this hearing on August 4, 2011 to let the Court know that the motorcyclists in Florida are paying attention to what happens in matters such as this, and that vehicle drivers must be reminded in every possible way to look out for the motorcycles sharing the Florida roadways. **Contact ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Alachua County Chapter President Jeff Longanecker at [JeffLonganecker@aol.com](mailto:JeffLonganecker@aol.com) or [352-226-0703](tel:352-226-0703) 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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