

Friends, family turn out at hearing to honor victims of motorcycle crash

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Some Citrus County residents came to the Sumter County Courthouse on Wednesday to support friends and family members of four bikers killed in a March 13 crash.

Jennifer Holmes hugs some of the bikers who came to the Sumter County Court House Wednesday to support her family. Paul Sermons, 45, is charged with the deaths of John Holmes, 55, Beverly Hills, and his passenger Patricia Beihayn, 52, Hernando, and William Barker, 54, Stuart, and his passenger Patrice Poole, 55, Mount Dora.



Two of the crash victims lived in Citrus County — John Holmes, 55, Beverly Hills; and his passenger, 52-year-old Patricia Biehayn of Hernando. The other victims were William Barker, 54, Stuart; and his passenger, Patrice Poole, 55, Mount Dora.

Paul A. Sermons of Bushnell, who has already been charged with four counts of DUI manslaughter, four counts of vehicular homicide and driving with a suspended license, had a court appearance Wednesday. His trial is set for March 2.



Motorcycle enthusiasts from four organizations came to the courthouse.

T.J. Painter of ABATE of Florida Inc. said, "Primarily we're here to make sure justice is served; secondary is to help represent the families so that they know they are not in this by themselves."

Judy Ann Antonio said, "People don't pay attention. They're too busy playing with their cell phones, reading a book, reading the newspaper. They don't look twice for us 'cause a lot of people think we don't ride bikes all year long. We ride all year long. People up north don't, but we do."

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