



Darren Hester

Georgia State Patrol confirmed driver of the Chevrolet 3500 truck, that hit the motorcycle of Darren Hester 46, resulting in his death and critical injury of his wife, will be charged. A spokesman with the Georgia State Patrol confirmed that the driver of the other vehicle involved in a fatal motorcycle wreck Saturday will be charged. A lieutenant with the Walton County Sheriff's Office, Darren Hester, of Monroe, was driving southbound on Ga. Highway 11 in Hall County shortly after 6 p.m. when his motorcycle was a hit and he was killed in the crash and his wife, Jamie, is in a critical condition. According to Georgia State Police public information officer Gordy Wright, the crash occurred at 6:10 p.m. Saturday 4 miles north of Gainesville on Highway 11 in Hall County. "A vehicle attempting to make a left turn hit the motorcycle that was traveling south on GA Highway 11," Wright said. "The motorcycle operator's wife was flown to Atlanta Medical Center with serious injuries. Charges are pending against the driver of the vehicle that hit the motorcycle and the follow-up investigation has been turned over to the Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT) from Gainesville." Chief Deputy Bruce Wright confirmed the death of Hester, saying that he was a lifelong Monroe residents and had been with the WCSO for more than 25 years. Both were ejected from the motorcycle, he said. The driver of the truck, Robert Champine, 59, of Gainesville, was not injured in the crash. Champine faces numerous charges, including vehicular homicide, driving under the influence, felony marijuana possession and failure to yield, Cospers said. Champine was arrested and booked into the Hall County jail.