

Driver charged with felony DUI in crash

EFFINGHAM — A 36-year-old Effingham man was charged with felony DUI in connection with a crash Monday on Alligator Road that claimed the life of a Florence man.



Lynch

Jackson Joseph Lynch, of 647 Earnhart Lane in Effingham, was booked just before noon

Wednesday at the Florence County Detention Center in Effingham on one count of DUI resulting in death, according to jail reports.

Lynch had been in the hospital since the crash and was arrested upon his release, Lance Cpl. Sonny Collins, South Carolina Highway Patrol, said. Lynch was traveling east on West Alligator Road about 5:45 a.m. when he crossed the center line in his Mercury sedan and struck an oncoming motorcycle driven by Ronald M. Hackett, 54, of James Turner Road in Florence, according to information provided by the S.C. Highway Patrol. The crash occurred near the intersection of South Red Berry Circle and West Alligator Road.

The road was closed to traffic for several hours. Florence County Coroner M.G. "Bubba" Matthews said Hackett died at the scene of the accident. Matthews said Hackett was on his way to work, which was less than a mile from his home, and was wearing a helmet.