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Mr. Edward Denton (*who is scheduled to appear as a plaintiff in court today*) has contacted our organization, Kentucky Equality Federation [a statewide grassroots organizations fighting for gay and lesbian equality] for over a year now because of incidents related to **Natalie Yvonne Taylor**. [REDACTED]

I realize KRS 532.031 states that when a person commits a criminal offense *and the judge finds that the motivation* of the crime was race, religion, disability, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, it *may be considered a hate crime*.

I hope this is not the same Natalie Taylor which also appears at 9 AM (**09-CR-00481 COMMONWEALTH VS. TAYLOR, NATALIE**) in Circuit Court.

We continue to receive other complaints from Kenton County citizens (and all of Northern Kentucky) stating the local police departments do not take them seriously when they find out the victims are gay, lesbian, or bisexual. **It is my sincere hope that the Kenton County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, as well as the Kentucky County Attorney's Office will stress to all local law enforcement agencies that gay and lesbian complaints must be taken seriously, before someone is hurt, killed, or injured.** We have 21 volunteers across the Commonwealth, and if we can be of any help in speaking to local law enforcement about gay and lesbian issues, we'd be more than happy to do so. There are also local chapters of the Gay & Lesbian Education Network (GLSEN), as well as Children Of Lesbians And Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) in your area I could also place you in contact with.

Section I, Item I (of VII) of the Commonwealth's Constitution guarantees the following: *The right of enjoying and defending their lives and liberties.* This is difficult to do when you are constantly being called **vulgar names**, and **slit on** (*1, possibly 2 times if memory serves*) as Edward Denton has been. **Mr. Denton is no different from anyone else; he wants to enjoy life (in this horrible economy) and to protect and defend his loved ones just as any other citizen of the Commonwealth would.**

Though the Kentucky Department of State Police may have issued a report that hate crimes in Kentucky have dropped, according to the FBI, nationally, they are the highest in more than 10 years against gay and lesbian people. ([source](#)) From what I understand from Mr. Denton, the County Attorney and/or Kenton County have no experience in exercising the hate crime law. However, the county is no stranger to it. ([source](#)) Perhaps this case would be 'stretching' the letter of the law, but not to the victim.

Please remember that when you are representing the Commonwealth with a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or intersex victim, that they are human also, with the same emotions and insecurities that everyone else has; like everyone else, we simply want to pursue happiness, love and protect our loved ones.

**Thank you** for taking the time to read my rather long email; I could not sleep until I sent it to you. As an activist, I feel personally hurt when a member of my community is attacked (either verbally or physically). As such, I feel I must also be a voice for them. Again, my sincere thanks to the Kenton Commonwealth's Attorney and the Kenton County Attorney for your attention.

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