

Two Oregon men admit hate crime

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MEDFORD - Two Oregon men admitted in federal court Tuesday they burned the letters KKK and the shape of a cross in a family's front lawn.

Gary Moss and Devan Klausegger of Medford pleaded to conspiring to interfere with their victims' civil rights. Moss and Klausegger were indicted last July 16

Court documents revealed that last May 26, Moss poured a flammable liquid on victims' lawn and Klausegger handed him a small explosive device that Moss used to ignite it. The U.S. attorney's office said they admitted doing it to interfere with the victims' rights under the Fair Housing Act because one of the victims was African-American.

Moss and Klausegger face up to 10 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000 when they are sentenced May 5.

"Bias-motivated acts of violence are offensive to our nation's fundamental values," said Loretta King, acting assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "The Justice Department is committed to vigorously prosecuting the federal laws prohibiting violent acts motivated by hate."

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