

Beating victim sues Klan, alleged members

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BRANDENBURG, Ky. -- A Kentucky teenager is suing the Imperial Klans of America and five alleged members, claiming they were responsible for a beating he received last summer. Jordan Gruver, who is of Central American Indian descent, claims in his suit that a beating he sustained at the Meade County, Ky., fair in 2006 was the work of Klansmen at the fair to promote a "white only" Klan function, the Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal reported Thursday. The suit names the two men convicted of the beating, Jarred Hensley and Andrew Watkins, as well as the alleged founder of the Imperial Klans, which the suit claims is the second-largest Klan group in the United States. "We want to make the leaders accountable for the misdeeds of their foot-soldiers," said Richard Cohen, president of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which is providing Gruver's legal representation. Two other alleged Klan members, J. Edward and Joshua Cowles, were named in the suit after they allegedly "encouraged and assisted in the attack."

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