

Ethnic Intimidation and Hate Crime

Ethnic intimidation is defined by Title 18 Pa. C.S. Subsection 2710, as any crime against the person or an arson, criminal mischief, and other property destruction (except institutional vandalism), criminal trespass or harassment by communication or address that is committed “. . . with malicious intent toward the race, color, religion, or national origin of another” Crimes of this type are required reporting for all law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth. Additionally, the Federal Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990 expands the data collection requirements beyond the parameters of the Ethnic Intimidation Act. Federal Hate Crime Statistics include sexual orientation as a bias motivation, which is not required by State law.