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STATEMENT OF KEN FOX

On May 2nd, 2018, Redmond O’Neal targeted me, called me a faggot and beat me with a beer bottle. I was walking back and forth from a laundromat a block from my home dragging a large hamper on wheels behind me. On my second trip back to the laundromat I noticed a tall young man walking toward me from the direction of the laundromat. He was wearing a large hoodie and oversized jeans and holding a bottle wrapped in a paper bag. Mr. O’Neal looked at me and said “what are you looking at faggot?” and then viciously assaulted me.

I have spent the last four months recovering from what Redmond O’Neal did to me. I am speaking out today because I need to do what I can to make sure that this man never injures or hurts another defenseless “faggot” ever again. That’s what Mr. O’Neal called me right before he sucker punched me. The word faggot is hate speech and just one of many offensive terms used to make gay men feel ashamed of themselves. That’s what Mr. O’Neal screamed at me as he rushed me and sucker punched me on the nose with a beer bottle in his fist that hit me. As I lay on the ground, he stood over me, taunting me, throwing punches and swinging that beer bottle inches from my face, preventing me from getting up to defend myself. I felt trapped like a wounded animal. I literally thought I was going to die. I screamed. He called me more names. By then I was kneeling on the sidewalk, my broken glasses cutting into my face bleeding all over myself and all I could do was scream until he just walked away. Still I was terrified he would come back and kill me.

When the police arrived they found me standing in the laundromat next to my blood-covered towel and my blood-covered laundry basket. My own blood was all over the floor and my laundry.

Every night since this happened, I have nightmares about Mr. O’Neal attacking me. I have been unable to sleep, work, or be a good partner. I was an easy target for Mr. O’Neal’s rage, hate and anger.

No one can imagine how helpless and angry this makes me feel. No one can understand how terrifying it is to be targeted and beaten because of hate

unless it has happened to them. I was not dressed provocatively. All I did was look up when I saw him approach me.

I am speaking out now to hold Mr. O'Neal accountable for calling me a faggot and beating me. He may be confident that he will not be punished for anything he has been accused of because his parents are famous. He may know exactly what to say and do to prevent justice from being served; he appears to be an unrepentant repeat offender who has had his parole revoked for doing drugs in a rehabilitation center. In my opinion he is competent enough to know exactly what he was doing. He wanted to hurt an old weak defenseless gay man. He wanted to hurt me. And he did hurt me.

Mr. O'Neal broke my nose and gave me a whiplash concussion. He smashed my glasses into my face, cutting and bruising me. After three weeks of intense pain, I had to have my nose re-broken and reset by a doctor. I am seeing a neurologist for headaches, cognitive issues and nerve damage. I am being treated by an orthopedic surgeon for neck and back pain. I have been to an orthodontist for tooth and gum pain. I have seen an ophthalmologist for cornea damage. I am going to physical therapy three times a week. I still have headaches, I have been diagnosed with PTSD, and will need to seek more medical treatment. I am seeing a psychologist for counseling to help me put my life back together after this brutal attack. Hopefully I will get justice.

I am not from privilege. I have worked hard to have a good life. I am passionate about making sure he doesn't do this to anyone else.

Ken Fox
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