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**Klan leader denies role in beating**

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BRANDENBURG, Ky. — A lawyer for a prominent white supremacist leader in Kentucky denied that he or his client, a Klansman, was involved in a beating of a black man in a town hall in 2006.

"I didn't even know they were there," Edwards, the lawyer, said. "I was not involved in the beating of the man."

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The law center's aim is to investigate the activities of the Ku Klux Klan of America, based in Danvers, Virginia, Ky., as it has done with other hate groups, and possibly force them to register with the state.

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