

**IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE: GRAND JURY TO BE CONVENED IN KENTUCKY
STATE UNIVERSITY SHOOTING**

The law firm of Danks & Danks has been retained to defend Jacob Bard for his actions in defense of his sons, his wife, and himself on December 9, 2025, at Kentucky State University. The Franklin County Commonwealth Attorney will convene a grand jury tomorrow, December 23, 2025, to consider indicting an innocent man, Jacob Bard, for murder. Not only was Jacob Bard completely justified under the law in his use of deadly force that day, but Jacob also took every reasonable step to alert Kentucky State University and the Kentucky State University Police Department of the imminent danger his sons and other students were in. Kentucky State University and the Kentucky State University Police Department failed to address multiple armed, violent felonies against Jacob's sons and other students in the days leading up to December 9, 2025. Jacob Bard and his wife, along with their sons decided that the only course of action was to withdraw from the university for the son's safety and requested a police escort to remove their son's property due to the imminent threat of danger they faced.

Despite having two armed Kentucky State University Police Officers present, a group of twenty to thirty individuals gathered in the lobby of the son's dormitory to violently and viciously attack Jacob Bard's son and family. Many of these individuals were not students of the university and wore ski masks, hoods, and otherwise concealed their faces. Watching the mob gather, Jacob Bard armed himself with his wife's firearm. Jacob kept his family away from the dormitory until a KSU police officer escorted the family to the dormitory. Upon the officer and Bard family reaching the entrance, the mob immediately rushed out of the dormitory, past an armed KSU police officer, and began violently assaulting Jacob's family and others present. Jacob and his family retreated approximately forty feet while being physically struck, until his

son was slammed into the concrete, and had multiple people on top of him beating his head against the pavement with feet and fists. The officer on scene had completely lost control of the situation, and while Jacob and his wife ran towards their son, the officer was retreating further from the erupting violence. In the chaos, Jacob tried to physically pull the individuals off his son, was struck and when he was unable to do so, and seeing his son in imminent danger of death and serious physical injury, Jacob then drew his firearm and shot two individuals who were actively and viciously beating his son. Jacob immediately dropped the weapon when his son was then able to escape the violence. While surrendering to the police at gunpoint, Jacob was violently kicked in the face by an individual involved in the assault against his family. Jacob's actions were absolutely justified under the law, and were the only measure that prevented his son's death or serious injury.

Kentucky State University and the Kentucky State University Police failed to address multiple armed, violent felonies (including burglary, breaking and entering, physical assault, and attempted assault with a deadly weapon) against Jacob's sons and other students in the days leading up to December 9, 2025. Those failures ultimately resulted in the tragic death of one student and the injury of many others. Even now, despite the many known identities of students and others involved in the vicious attack that day and the multiple armed attacks in the days prior, criminal charges have not been pursued against those individuals. The mother of the deceased student has openly called for the murder of Jacob's son for revenge, requested the help of criminal gangs including the Vice Lords criminal gang, and yet no criminal charges have been filed against her. Jacob and his family continue to receive credible death threats, and Jacob's sons are now residing in a non-disclosed location for their safety.

The Bard's have two sons, ages 18 and 19 years, that were enrolled at Kentucky State University. Both son's chose Kentucky State University to play baseball. Each of Mr. Bard's sons were high school honor students; well-behaved, well-liked and athletically talented. Each of Bard's sons were selected for homecoming king for their respective graduating class.

Kentucky State University and campus police were that non-students and non-residents alike would freely go in and out of student residence halls where they had no right to be. The younger Bard's dorm room was burglarized on or about October 11, 2025. An organized group pulled the dormitory fire alarm and used fire extinguishers to disable the security cameras. Jacob's son reported the crime to the assigned resident assistant and to the campus police. After reporting the crime, he immediately began receiving threats of physical violence and threats that "you will die." At least one of the students involved in the threats and assaults had previously had a firearm seized while on campus and yet continued to openly post on social media that he continued to carry a modified firearm capable of firing fully automatic.

On Saturday December 6, 2025, Jacob's son was in his dorm when approximately fifteen to twenty individuals, many of them non-students and with faces concealed, broke in and violently assaulted him and three other students that were with him. The four were thrown to the ground and stomped and punched repeatedly. The assailants destroyed hundreds of dollars of property including a school issued laptop. This crime was reported to the resident assistant and to KSU police and was captured by university security cameras.

On Monday December 8, 2025, Jacob Bard's younger son was again in his dorm room when approximately twenty to thirty individuals gathered outside the dorm room with baseball bats and other weapons. The group beat on the door with baseball bats leaving visible marks on the door. Jacob's son called the residence assistant and KSU police. One officer responded to the

mob, and upon the officer arriving the mob fled. No arrests were made and this was also captured on campus security cameras. That evening Jacob's son called Jacob stating he had been attacked multiple times and he and his friends were afraid to leave the room. Upon receiving this information, Jacob Bard and his wife immediately drove to KSU, arriving around midnight. Upon arriving, they discovered their son and several other students had not eaten a meal in several days because they were afraid to leave their dorm rooms. Mr. Bard and his wife took the group of young men to eat and were more fully informed of their safety concerns.

The next morning, December 9, 2025, Mr. Bard and his wife met with campus police at 9:00 AM. Although the Bard's believe the campus police officers were sincere, it also seemed obvious to them that the campus police were ill-prepared to deal with the out of control and violent environment of the university. A meeting was then scheduled for the same morning at 11:00 AM. at Young Hall with the university dean and campus police. During this meeting, the Bard's became convinced that the university would not be able to maintain a safe environment for their son and informed the university they were moving him home due to extreme safety concerns.

The Bard family, accompanied with a campus police officer, approached the younger son's room and four individuals were outside waiting for him. The officer ordered everyone away and remained in the hallway of the son's dormitory for a period of time. The officer left at one point and during this time one of the individuals involved in the prior assaults was in the building and began taking photographs of Jacob's sons. A physical altercation ensued in the elevator with Jacob's son and this individual. Jacob's son immediately exited the elevator and called KSU police. Upon exiting the elevator, other individuals who had been involved in prior attacks on Bard's son were now in the lobby despite the assurances of the University that these

individuals would no longer be allowed in the building. These individuals again photographed the Bard family with their phones and began making threats.

Over the next ten to twenty minutes, while placing their son's belongings in the family vehicle, the Bard family saw numerous individuals who had also been involved in prior attacks arriving and running to join the other individuals in the dormitory lobby area. Many of these individuals were wearing hoodies and/or ski masks. Jacob and his family waited until a second officer arrived and were given further assurances of their safety. Despite the assurances of the KSU police officers and his escort to the building entrance, the mob viciously attacked the Bard family. Jacob Bard was given no option but to use necessary deadly force to protect his sons; his wife and himself from serious bodily injury or death.