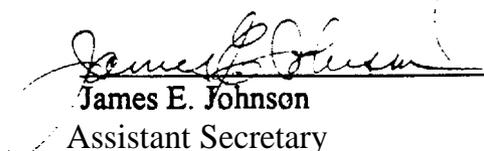


Burning a **church**, whether racially motivated or **not**, implicates federal anti-arson and civil rights laws and warrants swift and certain investigation and **prosecution**. The work of the **NCATF** continues to be **vital** to our efforts to prevent these heinous **crimes**, and to prosecute those **responsible**, whether they are motivated by racial **hostility**, religious **bigotry**, **financial profit**, **revenge**, or simply a desire to bum down a symbol of authority in the **community**. The commitment of resources and attention to this work by **federal**, state and local authorities has been essential to the success of the **Task Force**, and the Task Force remains dedicated to solving these **crimes** and bringing the perpetrators to **justice**.

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