

## Cases and rulings

| Country Code | Year | Reference details title                                      | Reference details URL | Hate Bias motivation    | Court / Body                                                       | Key facts of the case                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Results (sanctions, outcome) and key consequences or implications of the case                                                             | Main reasoning / argumentation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Key issues (concepts, interpretations) clarified by the case | Key quotation in original language and translated into English with reference details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Finland      | 2017 | <a href="#">Finland / District Court of Espoo / R 16/249</a> |                       | Racial or ethnic origin | The District Court of Espoo (Espoon käräjäoikeus / Esbo tingsrätt) | The victim was attacked by three men while walking on the street in the city of Espoo. These men were unknown to the victim. The men were shouting racist insults at the victim. The victim was targeted because of his dark skin colour. The three men were convicted of assault. | A was sentenced to 70 day fines (420 euros)<br>B was sentenced to 60 day fines (420 euros)<br>C was sentenced to 70 day fines (630 euros) | The court considered that the victim's account of the events is credible and that all three men had participated in assaulting and chasing the victim. They all had shouted racist insults at him. The court concluded that the crime had a racist motive for which an aggravated penalty must be applied. | Applying of aggravated penalty due to racist motive          | "Vastaajat eivät ole tunteneet [A:ta]. Rasistiset solvaukset ovat alkaneet heti, kun he ovat nähneet [A:n]. Esiin ei ole tullut, että [A] olisi millään tavalla provosoinut vastaajia. [...] Vastaajat eivät ole osanneet kertoa teolleen muuta motiivia kuin sen, että [A] on ollut tummahiainen ulkomaalainen." "The defendants did not know [A] beforehand. The racist insults had begun immediately after the defendants had seen [A]. Nothing suggests that [A] had in any way provoked the defendants. [...] The defendants have not given any other motive to their actions than [A] being a dark-skinned foreigner. " |

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