

Person Information

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Vehicle Information

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Drug Information

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Organization Information

Organization : Equality Maryland

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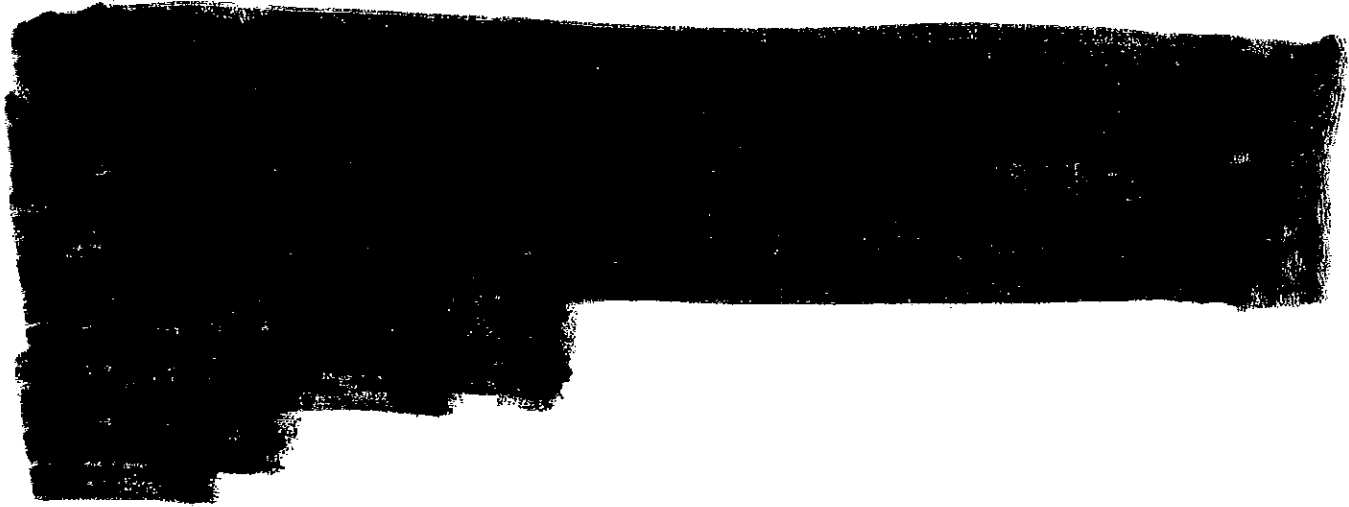
Organization : Equality Maryland | **Type :** Security Threat Group

Notes :

This is a group which advocates for gay, lesbian and transgendered people in the state of Maryland. They are active in the social as well as political arena.

Associations :

No Associations



Firearm Information

No information

Narrative

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On August 30, 2005 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Maryland State Police Homeland Security and Intelligence Division attended a demonstration and press conference in Baltimore City being held by the gay-rights group Equality Maryland in a covert capacity. The gathering was held because a group of gay couples is challenging the state's marriage law which states that such a union must be between a man and woman. On the above date arguments were heard in the Baltimore City Circuit Court for and against the law.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrived prior to the event starting and noticed numerous people in front of the courthouse with Equality Maryland banners, signs and buttons advocating gay marriage. No counter protestors were seen at that time. Protest organizers told people to meet in front of the courthouse and not go inside due to limited seating which would be taken up by the large number of plaintiffs in the case. There were numerous uniformed Baltimore City Sheriff's Deputies and City Police officers present along with several undercover intelligence officers. [REDACTED]

After the case was heard in court, the group gathered in a square next to the courthouse for a press conference. There were approximately 75 people supporting gay marriage at the event. Approximately 10 people from the anti-gay marriage group [REDACTED] stood across the street from the press conference and could be easily identified by [REDACTED] buttons on their shirts. There were no confrontations between the two groups even as the event was breaking up and the two groups were on the same side of the street.

No problems were observed at this event and due to this fact I request that the case be closed.

[REDACTED]

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