

1 AN ACT relating to homicide.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 507.020 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) A person is guilty of murder when:

5 (a) With intent to cause the death of another person, he causes the death of such  
6 person or of a third person; except that in any prosecution a person shall not  
7 be guilty under this subsection if he acted under the influence of extreme  
8 emotional disturbance for which there was a reasonable explanation or  
9 excuse, the reasonableness of which is to be determined from the viewpoint of  
10 a person in the defendant's situation under the circumstances as the defendant  
11 believed them to be. However, nothing contained in this section shall  
12 constitute a defense to a prosecution for or preclude a conviction of  
13 manslaughter in the first degree or any other crime;~~or~~

14 (b) ***He or she unlawfully administers, delivers, distributes, or sells a controlled***  
15 ***substance as defined in KRS 218A.010 to another, and any person's death is***  
16 ***caused by the injection, inhalation, absorption, or ingestion of any amount***  
17 ***of that controlled substance; or***

18 (c) Including, but not limited to, the operation of a motor vehicle under  
19 circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to human life, he wantonly  
20 engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death to another person and  
21 thereby causes the death of another person.

22 (2) Murder is a capital offense.