COMPLAINT AND AFFIDAVIT FORM - INSTRUCTIONS: Fill out all the blanks and then give: (1) Tell why your were there; (2) What you did and what happened; (3) State everything in direct quotations when possible, especially what you said and what the officials or others said; (4) Fully describe all important people involved, particularly police, and give physical descriptions when names are not known; (5) Say why you think the people did what they did to you and to others; (6) Tell what you or the other people involved have done in civil rights, especially in regard to voter registration; (7) Be sure to have affidavit notarized whenever possible; if notary public not available, have two witnesses sign. IMPORTANT: make two carbon copies; file one, send the other with the original to COFO, 1017 Lynch St., Jackson, Mississippi. Thank you.

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hinds

NAME ~~Robert~~ David Osman, Mario R. Savio AGE 19, 21

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OCCUPATION student, summer volunteer (both) PHONE

Being duly sworn deposes and says: to-wit: I am a citizen of the United States of America and am a Negro or a white participant in civil rights and desegregation work. On (day) ~~Tues~~ Wed., (month) July, (date) 22, 19 64, at about 3:40 time, the following happened:

I and Mario R. Savio, were ~~xxxxxx~~ walking from the Farish St. ~~&~~ Church where COFO people eat lunch toward the COFO office 1017 Lynch St. We were on the ~~xxxx~~ corner of Amite and Gallatin. A gray car ~~xx~~ pulled up and stopped in from of us. License number 501611, a ~~1962~~ 1963 Mississippi, tag, blue letters on white background with county indication covered up. It was an old gray car. ~~Ix~~ Two white guys with billy clubs came out. The ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ clubs were dark and appeared to be regular police billy clubs. They were wood. They ~~xxx~~ appeared to be about 30, old clothes, informal. They were thin, and one was about 5' 9". They got out with clubs, We ran. They cameafter us. (by the way we were with a local Negro fellow who we had met at the church).. We all three ran down the street. Robert David Osman ~~xxx~~ ran into the grASS at the side of the sidewalk; the Negro fellow and Mario R. Savio ran down the sidewalk toward the intersection. The Negro fellow got away without being hit at all. Savio was struck once a glancing blow as he ran. Osman who had some difficulty getting through the grass ~~xxx~~ rapidly enough was cut off in the alley by one of the men with clubs. Osman went to the ground, protecting himself as best he could and sustained blows on the ~~xxx, xxx~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~Several passersby approached and the officers took flight. Osman remained on the ground for several seconds and then he jumped up. They were gone. Went the the McKesson drug factory where we called the COFO office and the police.~~ wrist (right), forearm, shoulder, knee, and back. I might have gotten one of the ribs, because it hurts me there. Some local people ran over to us (one Negro and two whites). The guy that was beating me beat me with a billy club at least eight hard blows. He wasn't saying anything. When the people ran over, he yelled "Let's get out of here" I couldn't stand up. It ~~was~~ really hurting me. Finally I was able to get into the McKesson building. They let us use the phone to call COFO and the police. The police came in about ten minutes. We ~~xxxxxxx~~ were waiting for a return call from COFO in the McKesson building, but the police very rudly wouldn't let us wait. They said that the people in the building would not want us there. ~~Xxxx~~However, the McKesson people were very cordial to us, letting us use the phone, etc. The police said to us when we reffered to the Negro young man who had accompanied us at first but who had already escaped by running off "We don't call them Negroes here, we call them niggers." Going down they said things like "When was the last time you guys took a bath", At the station, the police proceeded us up the stairs, saying "white people first". They repeatedly referred to "niggers". "Who was the nigger you were with?", etc. One ~~xxxxx~~ plainclothesman in the station referred to the situatinn as a "fight", apparently to make us appear to be also at ~~xxxx~~ fault and to impair our position of nonviolence. Also, as we were driving down to the police station, I, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~(Osman) asked if we could smoke. The cops said no, and lit up themselves.

Signed: _____

Sworn to and signed before me this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Signed: _____
Notary Public

I hereby certify that a notary public is not available to me and that the above is true to the best of my recollection, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Signed: Robert Osman Mario R. Savio

Two witnesses: R Hunter Money / Sandra Hayden