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At about 5:00 p.m., on the afternoon of September 9, 1964, I was sitting on the front porch of my residence and saw a fairly new maroon automobile driven by a white man with sun glasses on, driving slowly by the house, looking at my place of residence. He drove down the road about 2 mile, turned around and drove back by, looking again.

On the morning of September 10, at about 12:30 a.m., I was asleep and was waked by the sound of a car pulling away very fast. I jumped out of bed and turned on my outside light. A blast went off. I began coughing blood. Ithen called the home of Sheriff Warren, Sheriff of Pike County, and was told that he was not home. Then I called the Sheriff's office in Magnolia, and the fire department answered. They told me to call the McComb City Police. I called them and told them that somebody had blasted my house and that I had called the Sheriff and that he wasn't around. They told me they would send someone out.

At about 1:20 a.m., Buddy Miller of the McComb City Police, Sheriff Warren and Herbert Bearden the constable of the fourth district arrived at my home. The sheriff asked me why someone would want to bomb my house, and I asked him the same thing. He asked me if I was connected with any of the civil rights organizations and if any of my children were. I told them no. The sheriff asked me if I had seen Eugene Bingham and that he was going to catch him. The sheriff and the two other men stayed for about and hour and a half, searching around the area where the bomb exploded; then they left. The sheriff said he would be back the next morning. He had not showed up yet.

At about 8:30 a.m. that morning, September 10, the F.B.I. visited me. They also asked if I belonged to any organizations. They questioned me about the details of the incident for about two hours, looked around the area where the bomb exploded. He then left, and returned later in the day to inspect the hole the bomb had made.

I am not a member of any civil rights organization. I am not registered to vote but pay my poll tax.

"One Man, One Vote