

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS.	CECIL RAY PRICE	EDGAR RAY KILLEN
	BERNARD L. AKIN	BILLY WAYNE POSEY
	JIMMY ARLEDGE	LAWRENCE ANDREW RAINEY
	HORACE DOYLE BARNETTE	ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS
	TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE	JERRY MCGREW SHARPE
	OLEN LOVELL BURRAGE	JIMMY SNOWDEN
	JAMES T HARRIS	JIMMY LEE TOWNSEND
	FRANK J HERNDON	HERMAN TUCKER
	JAMES E JORDAN	RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS

Criminal No. 5215  
18 U.S.C. 241

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES AND PRESENTMENTS:

1. At all times herein mentioned Lawrence Andrew Rainey was sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi; Cecil Ray Price was deputy sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi; Richard Andrew Willis was a patrolman of the Police Department of Philadelphia, Mississippi; and each was acting by virtue of his official position and under color of the laws of the State of Mississippi.

2. Commencing on or about January 1, 1964, and continuing to on or about December 4, 1964, Cecil Ray Price, Bernard L Akin, Jimmy Arledge, Horace Doyle Barnette, Travis Maryn Barnette, Olen Lovell Burrage, James T Harris, Frank J Herndon, James E Jordan, Edgar Ray Killen, Billy Wayne Posey, Lawrence Andrew Rainey, Alton Wayne Roberts, Jerry McGrew Sharpe, Jimmy Snowden, Jimmy Lee Townsend, Herman Tucker and Richard Andrew Willis, within the Southern District of Mississippi, conspired together, with each other and with other persons to the Grand Jury unknown, to injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate Michael Henry Schwerner, James Earl Chaney and Andrew Goodman, each a citizen of the United States, in the free exercise and enjoyment of the right and privilege secured to them by the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States not to be deprived of life and liberty without due process of law by persons acting under color of the laws of Mississippi.

3. It was a part of the plan and purpose of the conspiracy that Cecil Ray Price, while having Schwerner, Chaney and Goodman in his custody in the Neshoba County Jail located in Philadelphia, Mississippi, would release them from custody at such time that he, Price, Arledge, Barnette, Barnette, Roberts, Snowden, Jordan, Posey, Sharpe and Townsend could and would intercept Schwerner, Chaney and Goodman upon their leaving the area of the Neshoba County Jail, and threaten, assault, shoot and kill them.

In violation of Section 241 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Signed Robert E Hanberg, United States Attorney, Robt Owen, Special Attorney,  
Dept of Justice.