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Reverend Jones

67-YEAR-OLD MINISTER  
HELD IN ATLANTA JAIL  
Sentence Faces Court Test--

ATLANTA, Georgia--Attorneys for a 67-year-old white minister - held in jail here since August 28 - will press motions for a new trial on Friday, November 22.

The minister, the Reverend Ashton Bryant Jones of San Gabriel, California, is being held in Fulton County Jail under \$20,000 bail.

Jones, a native Georgian, was jailed in July after he accompanied an integrated group to all white First Baptist Church here. He was tried in August, and sentenced to 18 months in jail - six at hard labor - and fined \$1,000.00

Since his case is being appealed, his time behind bars since August 28 is "dead time" and does not count against his sentence. For one month, he was on a hunger strike.

Jones has been active in anti-segregation protests in several locations. He was jailed three other times here in demonstrations with the Committee on Appeal For Human Rights (COAHR), the Atlanta University Center protest group.

Groups of students and adults here have demonstrated before the church every Sunday.

Jones is represented by Attorney Howard Moore of Atlanta.

Senator Thomas Kuchel (R-Cal) has asked the United States Department of Justice to investigate Jones' arrest and imprisonment.

Students at Emory University, a predominately white school here, have formed "Committee To Free Reverend Jones." Jones is an Emory alumnus.