

Greenwood: Mike Sayer to Karen Haberman 10:30am (approx.)

ITTA BENA JAMES BROWN NOT MISSING\*\*\* HE IS IN JAIL IN WALTHALL  
bond, \$50 cash: is OK

James Brown was originally arrested on June 20, 1964 for speeding tickets in Webster and Cheetaw Counties. He was to come to trial on June 26 and 27, but his lawyer got the cases removed to federal court (U.S. District Court for Northern Mississippi). Last night he was arrested by Greenwood police while traveling from Greenwood to Itta Bena. They said that they had a highway patrol warrant for him for not appearing in state court. (this report was from Willie McGee who was driving with him)

Report from James Brown in Walthall Jail to Mike Sayer : this morning about 9:45am James said he was arrested in Itta Bena at 9:30pm last night by Charles Griggs. He was then taken to the sheriff's office in Greenwood at about 10pm. He was taken by the Greenwood sheriff in a highway patrol car at about 10:30 and met with sheriff Bowen of Webster county on the highway. Brown was then taken to Walthall jail, arriving at about 11:30pm. Brown did not know where he was being taken when he was taken from the Greenwood jail.  
NOTE: a staff member from the Jackson office called Sheriff Bowen at about 11:45pm and he claimed that he had never heard of James Brown.

When they arrested Brown he tried to explain to the various police that his case had been removed. They answered that he had forfeited his bond and therefore was under arrest for missing his trial on June 26 or 27. Brown told them again that the lawyer had gotten the trial removed to the federal district court.

Re above report of highway meeting between Greenwood and Webster sheriffs, Sayer feels that it indicated that they did not know which jail they would put Brown in. After the meeting between the sheriffs James Brown was transferred from the Greenwood to the Webster police car.

Brown feels that one of the reasons he may have been arrested is because when he was driving from Greenwood to Itta Bena two cars followed him from Greenwood. One was yellow '57 Chevy with three white men, the other a '58 Oldsmobile Station Wagon #ND 2292, Itta Bena with two white men. The cars kept passing him, slowing up, yelling names and finally Brown pulled over. Brown says that the two carloads then went to the police station and complained that Brown was "messing around" on the road.

Ed Ridd called sheriff Bowen's wife from the Greenwood office this morning. Mrs. Bowen admitted that she had deliberately left both the home and jail phones off the hook all night. She also said that she wouldn't talk to anybody because her husband had talked to the FBI. When Greenwood talked with the FBI they said that they knew that Brown was in the Walthall jail all night. Greenwood office had called the FBI a number of times asking them for information concerning Brown and they would not give him any.

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Selma: Tom Brown: 2:45pm

Re those in jail from the weekend through yesterday: Sheriff Clark initially demanded cash bond. He later changed his demand to appearance bond, 1/2 peace bond. (NOTE: The use of peace bonds in Selma has been ruled out in state circuit court - it is being appealed by Selma authorities in state supreme court). It is reported that Clark has changed his demands again - Att. Hall will go to court and check.

Today about 12 people went to the courthouse to register. We are not certain of the exact number because no one is allowed by the alley except those wanting to register. Of the 75 or more who went to register yesterday only five were allowed to take the test. Today 3 local students will go to picket at the courthouse, three will go to the federal building. There are about 85 students who want to get involved in activities in some way. They will probably be used to picket.

Tomorrow members of the adult community want to test the public accommodations in Selma. Tom Brown will have a meeting with them this evening.

Tom reports that yesterday cattle prodders were used on those arrested by Al Lingo's men. He received reports that prodders were used on girls under their dresses. He has also been told that there is one girl in jail with a kidney infection and they will not release her.

There will be a mass meeting in Selma tomorrow night, most likely at Tabernacle Church at Broad and Mintor.

There have been press people in Selma - some went to Montgomery today but were due back in Selma at about 3:30pm.

Tom estimates that there were about 400 people at mass meeting last night.