

Wats report on ITTA BENA, MISS from Mx Greenwood, Mike Sayer taken by Haberman
7:30 AM Ed Rudd

Greenwood called Willie McGee who was a passenger in the car when ~~Ed Rudd was~~
James Brown was arrested. At the moment they parted company McGee had the impression
that James was about to be turned over to the Highway patrol. Brown willingly
went with the officers. Police Brown before they asked his name. Policeman asked
Brown whose car it was. Brown answered that it was Arneal Ponders. Brown then
asked McGee to take the car home. McGee asked the officer the grounds for arrest
and question was not answered, except that Brown said "This is about the Highway
Patrol". ~~Ed~~ Brown told McGee to call SNCC. G reggs, a policeman asked Brown whose
car it was.

~~Ed~~ Greenwood called FBI in Memphis and they said that they got a directive at 2AM
to start an ~~an~~ investigation. They said unofficially that it had been started, but
that their men had not called in. Ed Rudd, (SNCC Greenwood) said that he asked
if this meant that they hadn't found anything and they replied yes.

AP in New Orleans said that he had called /Starkville ~~and~~ Highway patrol and that
the Highway patrol tried to get the County police car and the sheriff and couldn't
get either one.

James Brown ~~is~~ is 21 or 22 and a native Miss. He is married and has 4 kids.
Is resident of Itta Bena and Miss. born. Spent some time out of Miss. may have
been in NY. Was working with SCLC with a citizen educational program in Webster
co. Last time in Starkville was on June 20 at time of arrest. Since then he has
been working ~~with~~ indirectly with SNCC project.

People in the car with him: Willie Brown, Lorrie Torkington, ~~Arneal~~ Celton Ginn,
John Paul, James Reed, Willie Lee Ray and his brother Nelson L. Ray.

WATS Report ITTA BENA, MISS. JULY 7, 6:30 AM Mike Sayer, Greenwood to Karen Haberman

James Brown is still missing. Was arrested when driving from Greenwood to
Itta Bena with some summer workers, the car was stopped and City ~~Ed~~ policeman
G reggs claimed that they had a warrant from the Highway Patrol for James Brown.
Taken from the card and he was ~~supposedly~~ supposedly taken to the Greenwood police
by the ~~Arneal~~ sheriff. Later Greenwood SNCC called Greenwood police and were
told ~~that~~ that he Brown was there but he couldn't be spoken to, were told to call
back for they had to wait ~~for~~ for the Webster County sherriff to come
pick up Brown. Greenwood SNCC called larer and were told that Brown had already
left. Webster co. sheriff was called and he said that he didn't know who James
Brown was, but only had vague remembrance of his name. This was at 11:45 PM.
Itta Bena police said they wouldn't talk to anyone except the FBI, also said that
was taken to Greenwood.

Traffic charges originated in or around Webster co. Case was removed to federal
court last week so the warrant was illegal. FBI talked to by Greenwood and they said
they couldn't locate him. Tonite 3 people were harassed in Itta Bena by white in
a Truck.