Greenwood called Willie McGee who was a passenger in the car when 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 Pondera. 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". Brown told McGee to call SNCC. Greenwood called FBI in Memphis and they said that they got a directive at 2AM to start 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 Starksville 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 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 Starksville was on June 29 at time of arrest. Since then he has been working directly with SNCC project.


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. Tonight 3 people were harassed in Itta Bena by white in a Truck.