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Batesville, Mississippi
Broadway, Park View Subdivision

Mr. Joseph Murphy, age thirty-nine, a high school teacher and a summer voter registration worker, was baited and hit by a middle-aged white man (later identified as J. J. Seals) as he was walking down Broadway in search of the Highway Patrol (Murphy had lost his way).

Seals, who was standing on the edge of his lawn, saw Murphy and called him a Northerner and "nigger lover." Seals motioned as if he had a gun and warned that he'd shoot Murphy. As Murphy ~~retreated~~ walked on, Seals hit him in the lower cheek (leaving no mark).

About fifteen minutes later, as Murphy was walking down Route 51 toward the highway, Seals came by in a black pick-up truck, saw Murphy, and aimed the truck towards him, forcing Murphy to step into the ditch by the side of the road.

Seals is a member of a family well-known in Batesville for sharrassing Negroes. One of the Seals badly beat a twelve year old Negro girl (niece of R. J. Miles, secretary of the Panola County Voter's League) when he had thought (mistakenly) she had stolen candy from a dime store. According to local rumor, three of the four Seal brothers has each killed at least one Negro.