

Mound Bayou Mississippi

March 16, 1958

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On or about March 15, 1958, two Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation came to see me; Willie Woodson, Rt. 1, Box 28, Mound Bayou, Mississippi. The purpose of their visit has not been revealed to a soul. However pressure has been brought to bare on me by a local merchant(white) who owns a small business in the neighborhood where I live. I have been informed by friends that the white merchant , Mr. D.C. Skelton, said:"Some F.B.I. Agents have been out here talking to Shorty, and I ask Shorty what did the F.B.I. want, Shorty told me it was a personal matter, well I know all these niggers who are members of the NAACP, and I know Shorty is a member. And I know he is lying about the F.B.I. Agents. You tell him that if he he isn't careful, he won't be here long. It will be another Emmett Till Case."

Columbus Bell and Earnest Robinson both of Mound Bayou, Mississippi were in the store when the statement was made.

I, Willie Woodson, Route 1, Box 28, Mound Bayou, Mississippi, do certify that the above statement is true to the best of my ability.

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Willie Woodson