

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
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Thomas McGrady, being duly sworn deposes and says:

I know James Williams personally. On the night of Aug. 9 I was driving through the intersection of Lee and Ashby Streets, when I saw officers whipping on Williams with an instrument that was bigger than their usual bill clubs. I could tell it was Williams because I know him well and recognized his shirt.

When the people left the church, that is Friendship Baptist Church on Cotton Avenue, on the night of August 8, they came up one block to the corner of Cotton and Jefferson Streets. As the crowd gathered, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee field secretary Don Harris was pulled from the crowd by police about 60 or 70 feet. In fact, they dragged him. They put him in the car. Then Sheriff Chappell went to the car and hit Harris with his billy club. Ralph Allen was pulled from across the street from the crowd about 50 feet or more and was then knocked down by the City Marshall and one state trooper. They whipped him with a billy club as they pulled him those 50 feet. When he stood up, he folded his arms and talked with them. They put him in the police car and carried him away.

Then the fire truck came down and stopped midway between Cotton Ave. and Jefferson, and the firemen came down with the hose. One fireman at the end of the hose said, "Turn it on." He sprayed water and a few pedestrians got wet. They cut off the hose because the sheriff was coming up the street.

The police and the state trooper then went to Bryant's restaurant and ordered him to close. He closed. I left from my position outside the restaurant.

Sworn to before me this 10th day of September, 1963

sig.: Lois Barnum Holley  
Notary Public Ga. State  
at large. My commission  
expires Aug. 29, 1967.

sig.: Thomas McGrady