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County of Sunflower

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Being duly sworn deposes and says: to-wit: I am a citizen of the United  
States of America and on Thursday, July 23rd, 1964 at about 7:00 to 9:00  
PM, the following happened:

I was standing outside the Baptist school in Indianola while a Voter Registration mass meeting went on inside. Two Negro policemen one who had been pointed out to me as being "Slim," Nathaniel Jack (sp?), and the other who later informed me that his name was Ollie Rice, came walking toward the steps leading to the porch of the school. I asked Slim, "Could I help you?" He said "No," he was just going inside. I made no attempt to stop him. He removed his hat and entered the building leaving Officer Rice in the doorway with the two-way radio. The Chief of Police at this time was about 30 yards to the front of the church also with a two-way radio in hand. After Slim had been in the meeting for a short while and there was some boisterous response from within, I heard the following comment from the Chief, Bryce Alexander, come over the radio. "What's going on in there? Did we get one in?" I immediately wrote this down.

A little later it became obvious to one standing outside at the door that the people inside were disturbed at Slim's presence. The next thing I knew Slim was backing out the front door (I was immediately behind him). His gun was drawn lowered at his side pointing at the ground. Rabbi Levine stood in front of him accusing him of having pointed the gun at him. The next thing I was cognizant of was that Charles McLaurin had entered the interchange between Levine and Jack. Something was said about removing Slim from within the meeting and with gun still drawn, Slim said something to the effect (indicating that if he were rushed) that "I'll take a few of you with me." It was quite evident that he meant this. As Charles McLaurin and Rabbi Levine pressed him about the drawn gun, he put it in his holster. At no time to my knowledge was he physically touched by anyone. McLaurin continued a heated discussion with him and at one point Slim remarked, "I'll kill you" referring to McLaurin.

A few minutes later Sheriff Hellewell, Chief of Police Alexander and several police including the two previously mentioned police came up on the porch as I stood in front of the closed door. They Sheriff addressed me by name saying, "Tecklin, who's in charge here?" I remarked "John Harris." He said something to the effect, "Go inside and get him," to which I complied.

An interchange occurred among Harris, the Rabbi, the Chief of Police, and occasionally, Sheriff Hellewell. The substance of this interchange was Levine's complaint about the revolver being pointed at him by Slim, his and Harris's expressed desire to file a complaint, and Levine's and Alexander's exchanges of words in which Levine claimed that the Chief had promised to keep the police out of our meeting unless they were needed. The Chief's reaction to this was that no such agreement had been made and that his men (the two Negro Policemen) had a right to be present in the meeting and would be so the.. The reaction of both the Chief and the Sheriff to the charges by Levine of the pulled gun was one of incredulosity. The Chief, did, however, remark that this could be dealt with later and the prime issue was the right of his men to enter the meeting. Some few minutes later I stepped inside and permitted the two Negro policemen to enter.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_