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I am President of the Pike county branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) I have been conducting voter registration classes and on April 8 or 9, 1964, I brought three Negro citizens to the courthouse in Magnolia Mississippi for them to attempt to register to vote. I have filled out and filed affidavits with the President's Committee on equal job opportunities on January 13, 1964, about discrimination with respect to race; In the month of February or March, a Postal Inspector, R.C. Hornsby, as a result of the affidavits, did investigate the above mentioned claims of discrimination at the Illinois Central Railroad Shops in McComb.

A cross was burned in front of my home on January 15, 1964. During the month of March, 1964, my wife, Immogene Bryant, received phone calls saying that we should get out of town. On April 28, 1964, between eight and nine p.m., I was sitting in my bedroom and heard a loud noise. I ran to both the front door and the back door and saw no one. I returned to my bedroom and at that time neighborhood children came to the front door and told me that my barber shop was on fire. I was able to stop the fire. On April 28, 1964, after I put out the fire, I called the Police Department and reported the above incident. The Night Chief and four other officers came and made an investigation and found a piece of pipe which they promised to give to an "expert" for fingerprint examination. After the police left, I reported the incident to attorney Robert Owens of the U.S. Justice Department and was promised that there would be an investigation. The next day, while I was on my job at the Illinois Central Railroad, F.B.I. agents came in relation to the above incident.

During the week of February 3, 1964, there was a picture posted on the property of the Illinois Central Railroad which showed a person with a rope around his neck and the words below read, "N.A.A.C.P. - Don't let this happen to you." On April the 29th, 1964, my son, Curtis Bryant jr., received a phone call from an unknown person who said, "You son of a bitches better get out of town."

*"One Man, One Vote"*