

June 1, 1964
Canton, Miss.

STATEMENT BY MRS. Bessie McMurtry CONCERNING EFFORTS
TO VISIT HER SON IN JAIL AT CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

On Saturday morning, May 30, I went to the police station to request permission to visit my son. The officer at the desk sent me to Mr. Goldman. Mr. Goldman made a telephone call, then told me that there would not be visiting hours on Saturday.

On Sunday at about 1 p.m. I went again to the police station. Again they sent me to Mr. Goldman, but he was not in his office. There was no one else to ask, so I returned home.

My son's name is J.T. McMurtry. He was arrested Friday, May 29 ~~for participation in the Freedom Day demonstrations for voters registration for Negroes in Canton~~ *B M* he has been in jail since that time.

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