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Being duly sworn deposes and says: to-wit: I am a citizen of the United States of America and am a Negro or a white participant in civil rights and desegregation work. On (day) Thursday, (month) June, (date) 25, 1964, at about 10:30 pm time, the following happened:

We were driving east on Highway # 12 and we had been having car trouble. The cable over the spark plug had slipped off and it was rattling. Stokely Carmichael was driving. ~~At~~ ^{In} the town of Durant we decided to stop and put the cable back on the spark plugs.

This white woman was walking by. Stokely stopped by chance near where she was. He got out of the car. Apparently the woman was frightened. She ran back down the street from where she had come. Stokely fooled around under the hood and got back in the car and continued down the highway east toward Kosciusko, Miss.

Drove for about a mile and noticed lights behind us and turned out to be the police. They stopped us. Stokely showed them the registration and license and they took us back to Durant to what was apparently the City Hall. Had Mayor's Office written on it and above that Masonic Temple. They searched us and the car. Went into our suitcases. Finally told us we would have to stay in jail while they investigated whether the car was stolen or not. To jail.

Both us us remained in the jail until about 2:00 am. Then police came in. 2 local police, one highway patrolman, one guy in plain clothes with a pistol on and another guy in plain clothes who had followed us since the police stopped us. They told me that they had nothing on me and that I could go. Stokely was charged with (1) illegal parking - \$10.00 bond and (2) not having a Miss. inspection sticker on his car - \$50.00.

I explained to them that I did not know anyone in town and could I stay in the jail cell until next morning. They said adamantly no, so I left and got into the Buick in front of the City Hall. Stokely went in and made a phone call and then he went back to his cell.

Around 4:00 am, I went back into the City Hall and the 2 local policemen were there and another police official who had a gun in a holster. Were talking. When I went through the door, the youngest got up and came to the door. We stood ~~at~~ the door, my back was to the room. I explained to him that I had been expecting a person from Holmes county to come pick me up, but he hadn't come and had expected the person to have bond money for Stokely. Told him we had some traveling expense money and was willing to use that to pay the total bail. During the conversation the older policeman had moved in behind me and gave me a shove. Managed to catch myself and did not fall. He said "Boy can't you move." and I said "Yes Sir." and went back to the car.

Sworn to and signed before me this _____ day of _____, 19_____

Signed: _____
Notary Public

I hereby certify that a notary public is not available to me and that the above is true to the best of my recollection, this _____ day of _____, 19_____

Signed: Charles Cobb

Two witnesses: Margaret Rose, Emake Schrader