

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON DIVISION

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: COUNCIL OF FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS,
: et al. :

Plantiffs,

v.

L. A. RAINEY, et al.

Defendants.

: CIVIL ACTION

: NO. 3599 (J) (M)

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)

COUNTY OF)

SS.:

Julius Samstein

I, _____, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

On Monday, July 19, 1964, at approximately 4:30 p.m., I was driving from the Beartown section of McComb to our voter registration office in the Burgland section of McComb. I had left Venable Street and made a right turn on route 24. I stopped at a Texaco station for some gas. I was followed into the station by a 1960 white Ford with two white men. The younger of the two men, in his thirties, of strong build and over six feet, got out of the car and walked around toward my car and began looking at me. After purchasing the gas, I left the station and drove the 100 to 200 yards to the traffic light at the intersection of route 24 and highway 51. There I stopped for a red light. As I sat there I noticed that the 1960 white Ford was directly behind my car and that the same man who had gotten out of the car to look at me in the gas station had gotten out of the car and was walking toward my car. As he approached my open window, he swung his fist into the car and hit me in the ear. He swung three more times after this. At least one of the times he caught me again on the ear. Then he turned around, without saying anything to me at any time and got back into the white 1960 white Ford. Meanwhile the light had changed and I drove off, making a left turn on to highway 51. The 1960 white Ford also made a left turn but turned off the highway after 20 or so yards into a shopping area.

I ~~continued~~ continued on to the McComb Police Station where I reported the incident to the local law authorities.

I later learned that four local Negroes had witnessed the assault on me. Two are Curtis Bryant and Curtis Bryant, jr. They were behind the car which was directly facing me on the other side of the traffic light. They got a good look at both the man who assaulted me and the other person in the car. Curtis Bryant jr. also noted part of the license plate of the 1960 white Ford. It was S-65.

Sworn to and signed before me
this 22 day of July, 1964

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 22 day of July, 1964.

Signed: Julius Samstein

Two witnesses:

Daniel D. Pearlman Morris R. Loria