

S T A T E M E N T

My name is Lamar Turnipseed, my address is 1913 Doris Street, Moss Point, Mississippi. I was born on January 31st, 1934.

I was standing on the side of the road, on Magnolia Street, at about 11:00 PM, July 6, 1964. A car with about four white boys in it came by and began to shoot in all directions, firing approximately four shots. At this time I attempted to get the license number of the car but they were travelling too quickly for me to do this. Three cars pulled out to attempt to follow the car, in order to get the license number. One of these three cars, driven by E.J. Wiggin, pulled into a gas station, in the attempt to follow the first car. The filling station manager came out shooting, and hit another car driven by Raymond McDonald. E.J. was forced to abandon his car, and leave it in the gas station.

After the three cars pulled out after the white boys, I went home, driven by Leroy Williams, to get my gun. I felt that it would be unwise to follow this car, as was my intention, unprotected. I got the gun in my house and got back in the car. We went immediately toward Pascagoula to report this incident. At the Temaco filling station on Main St., we saw a group of police officers, and we pulled over to the side to report the incident to them. As I got out of the car and approached the officers, one of them came toward me saying, "Niggers, put up your hands." All four of us put up our hands and were searched by the officer. Then he searched the car and found the gun on the front seat. I was placed under arrest and taken into the police car.