

[1964, July 29]

Erma Jean Miller

I am a Negro participant in the civil rights movement, am 16 years old and reside at 132 -- 8th St., Clarksdale, Mississippi.

On or about July 29, 1964, at about 2:00 pm, I, in the company of five other people, went to the Resthaven restaurant on Highway 61 in Clarksdale, Mississippi. As we got out of the car, a woman met us and told us we couldn't go inside. She said that she had a lot of cusotmers and she didn't want us to go inside and upset them. We asked her if she was the manager. She said she was. She said she would like us to leave. We asked her for her name. She said it was Mrs. Jospah. We got back in the car and left.

From there we went to the Ranchero Drive in on Highway 61 in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Before we got out of the car, county prosecutor Thomas Pearson and Joe Davis, a deputy sheriff, slammed our car door and wouldn't let us out of the car. They told us to get off of their property. Pearson took our license plate number and asked Roy for his name, but Roy refused to give it to him. We then left.

I request the Federal Government and the NAACP to institute legal action on my behalf.

Sworn to before me this

_____ of _____, 1964.