

## AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
 COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

NAME Russell Allan

AGE 28

ADDRESS 901 1/2 Nelson Street, Greenville, Miss.

OCCUPATION voter registration worker for COFO PHONE 335-2173

Being duly sworn deposes and says: to-wit: I am a citizen of the United States of America and am a white participant in civil rights and desegregation work. On Thursday, August 13, 1964, at about 11:00 a.m., the following happened:

Paul Crowley and I were out in the northeast portion of Washington County registering people for the Freedom Democratic Party. I had just finished registering a Mr. Jesse Simpson and his wife and his wife, Mrs. Lois Jean Simpson, just a mile east of Dunleith (Leland Route 2, Box 63B) when a brown station wagon (Lic. No. W-2585, Chevrolet, year unknown) stopped in front of their house. The white woman who was driving asked me to stop over to talk. She asked me what I was doing. I told her voter registration work. She told me I was trespassing on her father's land and that we were to stay off. At the time I asked her whereher boundary line lay, a green pick-up truck (Lic. No. 96707, GMC, year unknown) pulled up beside her. The white man in the passenger seat began excitedly to demand that I step over and talk to him. I did not, but waited until the woman had finished speaking. The man, who was about 5 ft. 10 inches, tanned, in his forties, and wearing sunglasses, then jumped out of the truck and walked quickly towards me. At the same time, the woman drove off. The man called me "a damn Civil Rights worker". Trying to reason, I put my hand into my pocket. With that the man said, "Don't you put your hand into your pocket while talking with me", and quickly thrust his hand into his pocket. He began to bring out an object which I did not see clearly and then put it back, when he saw my hand was empty. He then said that he ought to slap me. A few seconds after saying this, he struck me across the face. I then made a move towards the green pick-up truck where where the white driver was still sitting. My assailant told me to move away, but I did not until I had recorded the license plate number of the truck. Afterwards I noted another green pick-up truck (Lic. No. A8706, make and year unknown) parked nearby with two white teen-age boys watching us. Then I moved down the road to my parked car where I asked the neighboring family what the name of the woman driving the station wagon was. The family resided with a Richard Winder (Rte. 2, Box 64). They said it was a "Mrs. Parlee". It appeared also she occupied a house nearby with the postal address of Rte. 2, Box 66. I could not obtain the names of the men in the GMC pick-up.

The woman drove back having picked up Paul Crowley at a house owned by a Negro family and dropped him off at my car. We drove down the road until we were past "Mrs. Parlee's" boundary line. We were followed by the green GMC truck. When we stopped at two houses to talk to the Negro occupants about the Freedom Democratic Party, the truck went by us. About five minutes later two white men driving a white Ford (Lic. No. and year unknown) arrived and told us to leave. We drove into Dunleith, to the front of Reed's Grocery, where we tried to learn from two colored men the names of the two men in the green pick-up truck. They said that they didn't know. The occupant of the white car behind us ordered the Negroes to have nothing to do with us. The green truck drove up and the two men got out. We got out of

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I stopped at the house of Mr. Jesse Simpson and spoke to his wife, Mrs. Lois Jean Simpson. I asked her if she knew the two occupants of the green pick-up truck. She said yes, that the man who slapped me was a Mr. Buddy Dodd, and that the driver was a Mr. Carr.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and signed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
notary public

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Paul Crowley and I visited the Justice of the Peace of the 4th District, L.L. Hubbard. I presented to him two affidavits which recorded my being struck on the face and the identity of the assailants and asked for a warrant. He refused saying I should consult my attorney, that he was seventy-six years old and want to keep his "skirts clear of the Civil Rights" movement. He added that he did not know the law well. I asked him if he knew the law as regards to one man striking another. He said he did not. We left.

Signed: Russell Allan

Sworn to and signed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1964

Signed: James Carter  
notary public

My Commission Expires September 7, 1966