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Harold Ray Mallard 16
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Harold Mallard is a senior at Burglund High School. He has four sisters and two brothers. His father works for the railroad and they own their home.

Mallard said he heard the bomb go off when he was at Macombo #2 at about 10:45 p.m. September 20, 1964. People began rushing to the scene and later he followed. He arrived there about 35 minutes after the bomb went off. No police were there when he arrived. Approximately 300 people were there. The crowd was not particularly loud and everyone was trying to see what happened. About 40 minutes after the explosion approximately 35 policemen arrived. They got out of their cars with guns cocked. He was standing next to Chief Guy when Guy was hit in the ankle. After the police saw they could not get control of the crowd, they left. People were throwing bricks which they got from Mrs. Quin's yard. Mallard threw about three bricks after the police left, but does not know whether he hit anyone. He remained there about 15 minutes and then returned to the cafe. He heard some shooting but does not know who did the shooting. He left the cafe about 12:15 a.m. and went home.

Mallard was arrested on Wednesday at about 10:45 a.m. When he got off the school bus the principal was there waiting for them and told them the police had been there and wanted to question them. He, the principal, suggested they go down to see the police to avoid any confusion at the school. He, along with others, went to the C.O.F.O. house and got advice as to what they should do. They then proceeded to City Hall but were picked up by police who crowded them, about 14, into the car.

Mallard was the first of the group called in for questioning at City Hall. He was asked to tell all he knew about the bombing. He said he did not see anything. He was asked if he wanted a lawyer to which he replied "Yes." However, when he reached for the phone to call for a lawyer, he was taken down to the jail. He was put in jail about 12:00 and remained there until 3:00 when he was transferred to the Pike County jail. He did not tell them he threw bricks.

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Mallard has never been arrested before. He has been to some C.O.F.O. meetings. He has not engaged in voter registration meetings.

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