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James William Ard 22
Route 1, Summit

Ard is out of school and has no regular job. He lives with his parents. His father does public work; his mother does not work. He doen not know whether they havemoney in the bank.

He was at Macombo #2 and went over to Mrs. Quin's home when he heard the bomb explosion on September 20, 1964. He found a lot of people there at the scene when he arrived at approximately 11:15. Probably 200 to 300 people there. No policemen were present when he arrived; about 35 or 40 minutes went by before they reached the scene of the bombing. Approximately 20-30 policemen arrived. Bricks, bottles and other objects being thrown; they were coming from everywhere. There was some shooting, but he did not see anyone with a gun or know where the shooting was coming from. The police began to leave. He did not throw any objects, but was pretty angry and just wanted to fight. He helped stop a few cars by blocking the road. He stayed there until about 12:30 then went home. He was driving his father's car; he drove it to the scene and home.

He was arrested by Mr. Berry and Sheriff R.R. Warren, who said they were going to take him down to City Hall and ask him a few questions. They showed him no warrant. There were three persons who questioned him. They asked what he did and what he saw. He told them, "Nothing." He told then he did not throw any bricks or bottles and did not have a gas bomb. He was questioned a short time. After getting no answers, one of the officers said, "Put that nigger in the hole in the City jail." He remained there approximately an hour and was transferred to Pike County jail. They did not tell him what he was charged with, nor was he warned of his right to remain silent. He asked permission to make a phone call but was refused.

He was arrested for fighting about three years ago. Jailed for two days, and paid a fine of $67.00.