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Shortly after dinner on Friday October 23, 1964, three cars of policemen arrived at our Freedom House with a warrant which said to arrest all inhabitants on a charge of operating a food handling establishment without a license. We were straight-way carried to City Hall, McComb Mississippi, and booked, then put in one basement cell. There were ten of us: six men and four women. We were held there for about an hour, then, at approximately 10:30 p.m., we were carried to Magnolia, and the Pike County jail. We were held on \$100 bond. At approximately 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, October 24, 1964, we were bailed out.

Apparent discrepancies between the law and the procedures carried out by law enforcement officers are as follows:

1. There were no specific names on our warrant.
2. The policemen entered and photographed a house at 702 Wall Street which is leased by me, without ever showing me any kind of search warrant, and in spite of my requiring some show of authority to take the photographs.
3. When friends of mine from Boston called to City jail to talk with me, someone in the office, whoever answered the phone, replied, "If you brush your teeth and wash out your mouth with chlorine, you may kiss my ass."
4. The jailers bothe in McComb and in Magnolia, refused us cigarettes taken from us, until Saturday morning.
5. Although not booked on a felony, we were photographed and fingerprinted by the Highway Patrol, as a matter of procedure, without being asked.
6. The county jailer refused to let inquirers speak with us, and, at one time, as an apparent joke, burst a paper sack when Marshall Ganz's mother was calling us, to simulate a gunshot.
7. We were not given beds, but slept on concrete, in the drunk tank.

"One Man, One Vote"