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Althea Spinks  
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On October 26, 1964, I arrived at Magnolia County Court-  
house at about 10:45 a.m. along with Mrs. Green. We met  
Ken Bell at the side entrance. We walked up toward the door and  
were met by six or eight Highway Patrolmen and a Sheriff's  
deputy. The deputy stopped us and asked us, in a rough voice,  
"What do you want?" Mr. Bell said we wanted to get to the  
Registrar's office so that we could register to vote. The deputy  
said that the office was closed until the next weekend and that  
we should leave. Then he told Mr. Bell that he was under arrest  
and after I had said that I did not wish to leave, he told me I  
was under arrest. Mrs. Green said that she was not going to stay  
and I gave her my pocket book. Inside the jail, while I was being  
identified, the deputy said that if I would leave "that damned  
C.O.F.O." alone and listen to him and go back home I would not  
be in jail. For about ten minutes I was forced to listen to some  
trustees, the jailer and the prison photographer  
call us, that is myself and another prisoner, Mrs. Quin, insulting  
and obscene things. While I was being photographed, the  
photographer called me a stinking bitch and the jailer sprayed  
me with room deodorizer. The photographer grabbed me by the arm  
and pulled me over to the fingerprint table. I told him he didn't  
have to jerk me and he said, "I told you to move, bitch." He  
then grabbed my arms so hard that I was bruised. I yelled out and  
he told me to shut up. My dress ripped and I bit him on the  
arm because he was hurtin me. He twisted my arm harder. Two sets  
of my fingerprints were taken. The photographer then told the  
jailer to charge me with assaulting an officer. The jailer told  
another man to record this charge on a card. I was then put into  
a cell. When I was struggling with the photographer, Mr.  
Bell said, "Leave her alone," and someone grabbed hold of him.

*"One Man, One Vote*