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On Monday, October 26, 1964, at 3:45, I arrived at the courthouse at Magnolia in order to register to vote. Mrs. Mary Eubanks, Don Custus, Deacon General White and Mrs. Herring were with me. When we arrived at the courthouse, there were deputies and highway patrolmen waiting. A highway patrolman asked why we came and I said, "We came to register." He said a deputy would be there in a few minutes. When the deputy came, he asked why we had come and I said we had come to register. He told us that the place was closed and it wouldn't be open today. Don Custus said we would wait. The deputy said it wouldn't do any good to wait, and that if we didn't leave he would lock us up. Two deputies took us to the jail. They asked for identification. He searched my purse and gave it back to me. Then he locked us up.

On August 28, my husband Mr. Willie Dillon was arrested and charged with operating a garage without a license, and tampering with electric lines. Our house was bombed about 12:55 p.m. that day and they arrested him at 3:30. My husband does not have a garage and I think that the police did it because he worked on a C.O.F.O. car.

"One Man, One Vote"