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On Monday morning, October 26, 1964, at about 8:30 a.m., I was picked up by one of the C.O.F.O. workers and driven to Magnolia. At about 10:00 a.m. we got out of the car and walked to the door of the courthouse. With me there were seven other people, including my wife, who is 78 years old. I am 94 years old, born and brought up in Pike County; and with the exception of six years at Tuskegee Institute, a lifelong resident. We were met at the courthouse steps by a uniformed officer who instructed us that there would be no registration today, and that if we stayed we would be arrested. We stayed where we were and very shortly the officer said, "Consider yourselves under arrest." He then said, "Come this way to the jail," and someone led us there. I said, "I am a registered voter. I came to help my wife." He said, "Go on, go on." I was put in jail with a white minister and we began to talk. Soon an officer removed the white minister from the cell. I was given a sandwich by a friend and remained in the cell 'til around 3:00 p.m. when I was released on bond and driven home.

"One Man, One Vote