

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF Holmes

NAME Stokely Carmichael and AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

OCCUPATION _____ PHONE _____

Being duly sworn deposes and says: to-wit: I am a citizen of the United States of America and am a Negro or a white participant in civil rights and desegregation work. On (day) 25 Thursday (month) June, (date) 25, 1964, at about 10:30 pm time, the following happened:

Stokely Carmichael and Charlie Cobb were going down Highway 12, eastward. Came to a small town called Durant in Holmes County. The car was rattling so stopped the car to fix a loose wire. Stopped under one of the few lights in town. A white lady near by was frightened and ran the other way. Stokely went about his business. When fixed, he put the hood down and drove on.

A mile later, the police stopped him and asked him for registration and license. He showed the policeman both. There was a mix-up about the registration. The car was in the name of Jim Monsosis, a SNCC worker. Stokely had changed the Alabama plates to Miss. plates that day because the car was becoming known. He had with him all necessary papers, but did not have a slip from Monsosis saying that he could use the car.

The police wanted an investigation about ownership of the car. Put Stokely and Cobb (Charlie) in jail. The police did not know they were civil rights workers because the first time they search the car they did not find the printed material they were carrying. The car was searched a second time, however, and the paper hidden under the seat were found and Stokely and Charlie were recognized as civil rights workers.

Two policemen came into the cell plus a man in plain clothes with a gun on his hip, a state trooper and an unidentified white man who stood just outside the door. They told Charlie he had to leave. He said he had no plate to go, but he was still made to leave. Went to car.

Stokely was told he was under arrest for (1) illegal parking (while he had been fixing the car, although the policemen had not seen this); (2) for not having a state sticker which is required by law. \$60.00 demanded.

Stokely had no chance to make a phone call between 10:30 and 11:00pm. When arrest charges were made he had a chance to call. He talked with Penny Patch at COFO in Jackson who said she would try to get someone there to pick up Charlie and assist Stokely. No one came. At about 5:30 am Stokely paid the \$60.00 which was hidden in the car. Drove off and fixed the car again (the police had disconnected two of the spark plug distributors) in Mileston, Holmes, County.

During the night, Charlie went back in and asked if he could make a phone call and stay the night inside. He was talking to a "nice cop" when some others pushed him aside and said "Can't you move boy?" "Yes sir." and Charlie went back to the car.

The police took Stokely's Washington, D.C. license.

Signed: _____

Sworn to and signed before me this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Signed: _____

Notary Public

I hereby certify that a notary public is not available to me and that the above is true to the best of my recollection, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Signed: _____