

COAHOMA COUNTY

I am 24 years old, and I reside in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

At about 1 P.M. on Sunday, July 12, 1964, I was in the laundromat on State St. next to the _____ Store. Although the store has no signs up, this is understood to be a "white" laundromat. My clothes were in the washer when the owner of the store came in accompanied by two policemen. He told me to get out and be quick about it, so I left. The police car followed me and about three blocks away pulled me over to the side. They asked to see my driver's license. They said I had failed to signal a turn. Then they took me down to the jail. There Police Officer A_____ and two other officers began to beat me. They hit me with both their fists and with a billy club, causing my mouth to bleed. Officer A_____ asked me what business I had in that place (the laundromat). He also said, "Do you know you're a nigger and are going to stay a nigger?" This was all going on while they were hitting me. Then they locked me up, and I was later released after making \$64 bond on charges of "resisting arrest" and "failure to signal." At no time did I put up any resistance to arrest.

SIGNED: *James A. Campbell*