DABBS was held on the second floor by the unknown men. During this time, CHARLIE LANG and ERNEST GREEN were taken from the cell, and DABBS was thrown into the cell known as the women's cell, which is directly across the corridor from that which held the three negroes mentioned above. DABBS was locked in this cell and the keys were thrown on the floor to the corridor.

Sheriff McNEAL informed that the light bulb in the women's cell where DABBS had been locked was loose, and it is necessary to stand on a cot and screw the bulb in order to get light. This action is necessary because the switch to the light is bad.

Sheriff McNEAL continued Mr. DABBS had told him he and the crazy negro, ISAIAH SHINE, who had not been harmed, began crying out for Mr. JIM McNEILL, the Night Watchman, and that after a time Mr. McNEILL did appear at the County Jail, with Mr. McINTOSH, the oil man, and Mr. McNEILL unlocked the door, releasing Mr. DABBS.

Immediately upon his release from the cell, Mr. DABBS telephonically communicated with him, LLOYD McNEAL, and told him to come to the jail. Sheriff McNEAL informed that DABBS had also told him that he believed the lynchers carried a weakened flashlight. The reason for this was not given, but Sheriff McNEAL also stated that DABBS told him he had been in the cell for approximately twenty or thirty minutes from the time he was locked in, until he was released by Mr. JIM McNEILL.

Sheriff McNEAL continued stating that after he had arrived at the Court House in answer to Mr. DABBS' call, and had obtained the story from him as to what had occurred, he had telephonically communicated with Mr. ED SHIRLEY, County Attorney, and had gone to get Mr. SHIRLEY at his house and brought him down to the Court House where the five of them talked for a while; these five being Mr. DABBS, Mr. JIM McNEILL, Mr. McINTOSH, Mr. SHIRLEY, and himself. He stated no action was taken toward forming a searching party, that night, as it was too dark and nothing could be done until daylight, therefore these five men departed and he, himself, went home and retired. It was Sheriff McNEAL'S recollection that he arrived home about 2:15 A. M.

The next morning or sometime between seven and eight o'clock he does not know the hour, Sheriff McNEAL, in his automobile, went to Mr. DABBS' home and with Mr. DABBS went to Shubuta, Mississippi. He stated that he talked to several men in Shubuta, Mississippi, and that a searching party was formed, however, he and Mr. DABBS returned to Quitman. Sometime around eight o'clock that same morning, October 12, 1942, Mr. HUDSON, druggist in Shubuta, Mississippi, called to tell him that the bodies of the two negroes had been found hanging on the old Chickasawhay River, just east of Shubuta, Mississippi, on the Chickasawhay road.