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On June 5, 1958, ANNIE LEE FLAGG was interviewed by Special Agents JAMES J. WARD and HENRY L. BURGETT, and furnished the following signed statement:

"Dawson, Georgia
June 5, 1958

"I, Annie Lee Flagg, make the following free and voluntary statement to Henry L. Burgett and James J. Ward who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize I do not have to make a statement and that any statement I do make may be used in a court of law. I have been advised of my right to have an attorney. No threats or promises have been made to me in order to obtain this statement.

"I am 47 years of age, having been born August 23, 1910, at Randolph County, Georgia. I reside at 446 South Main St., Dawson, Georgia.

"On Sunday, May 25, 1958, my son Willie Gerald Flagg, who is commonly known as Billie Flagg, was arrested by the Dawson Police Department at approximately 9:30 AM. I was in my home, looking out the back door, when I saw the police put my son in their car.

"I immediately went to the jail to find out why my son had been picked up by the police. When I got to the jail I asked Officer Harold Jones, one of the two officers who had picked my son up, what Billie had done. He pushed me and told me to go on home. He didn't tell me why he had picked Billie up. I left the jail, after being pushed by Officer Jones, and headed back toward my home. I had gotten about one quarter of a block from the jail when Officer Jones and Officer Cherry pulled alongside me in the police car. They got out of the car and told me to get in. Officer Jones then pushed me in the police car. While I was in the police car Officer Cherry told me he would knock hell out of me. However, he didn't hit me.

"After I got in the police car, Officers Jones and Cherry took me around to the jail and told Gene, the 'trustee' to lock me up. They didn't tell me what I was charged with.

"About 5 PM I was released from jail. At that time I found that my nephew had come to the jail and posted $36.00 bond for my son and myself. Posting bond serves the same purpose as paying a fine and I did not have to go to court.

"I still do not know why I was put in jail by Officers Jones and Cherry. When I went to the jail to find out about my son I did not do anything, to my knowledge, which would cause them to arrest me. I did not use profane or abusive language.

"I have Read the Forgong statement of 3 pages including this pages and it is true and correct. I have initialed Each correction and page

"/s/ Annie Lee Flagg

"Witnessed:
James J. Ward, Special Agent, FBI, Atlanta, Ga., 6/5/58
Henry L. Burgett, Special Agent, F.B.I., Atlanta, Ga. 6/5/58."