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

"Dawson, Ga. June 5, 1958

"I, Willie Gerald Flagg, make the following free and voluntary statement to James J. Ward and Henry L. Burgett who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I may talk to a lawyer. I have been advised that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement that I do make may be used in a court of law for or against me. No threats or promises of reward have been made to me to cause me to make this statement.

"I was born Aug. 12, 1936 Dawson, Ga. I live at 446 S. Main, Dawson, Ga.

"On May 25, 1958, Sunday, about 9:00 or 9:30 AM I was returning from the base ball diamond with some other boys. I was walking along playing with a friend Willie C. Hall. One of the boys in the group standing near a car on the ball' diamond made a rat tat tat noise as a police car was passing going south on South Main St. The car turned around a came back in a hurry, stopped and said what you doing. I said 'nothing.'

"Officer Harold Jones said you are a lie. He got out of the car, he started to hit me. I threw up my hand to stop the lick and he barely hit me. He searched me and then hit me on the head and said get in the car.

"I got in the car and he then said put out your hands. He then put the hand cuffs on me.

"Officer Harold Jones and Officer Cherry were in the car. Mr. Cherry did not hit me or say anything to me.

"They drove to the jail, the Chief met us at the jail after they had radioed to him to meet us at the jail.

"The officers opened the car door and I got out then the Chief asked me what I had done.

"I said I had done nothing. The Chief said, shut up and go on into the jail. The Chief also told the officers to take the hand cuffs off me. They did and then I went on into the jail. About five minutes later I saw mama coming into the jail.

"I have Read the above Statement of this and three other Pages I have iniled each page and each correction I'm Sige that Because it is true and correction

"/S/ Willie Gerald Flagg

"Witnessed by: Henry L. Burgett, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta, Ga. 6/5/58
James J. Ward, SA, FBI, Atlanta, Ga., 6/5/58."