

Greenwood: 12:09 am Betty Garman. Il--Judy Richardson--SNCC staff,  
N. June Johnson--local Greenwood, 17, N. Willie James Earl, 16,  
local Greenwood; Ed Henderson, N. local, 18; Will Henry Rogers, 14,  
local N. boy.

Silas-- 19

Clarence--army--about 28

Jake--21

Mrs. McGee went down with cousins. reportedly 4 FBI at hospital, but  
have only found 2 talking with June Johnson. Several cars of whites--  
at one point Clarence went out and saw 3 carloads holding guns--22's  
and 38's. James and Otis Barry (cousins) went out of hosp to car  
--two white men ment them with sticks and bricks, said better not  
leave, went back in. Hospital door locked--no one can get in.  
Whites have roads blocked with guns out of hosp--Judy now on phone  
with sheriff--FBI said why don't you leave--Judy said we don't have  
protection--FBI said have yous asked--~~Buff Hammond, commissioner~~  
~~of police in Greenwood said had asked for protection~~ said asked  
Hammond and Hammond said No. She told FBI man to talk to sheriff  
and tell him to come--FBI man walked away.

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Hattiesburg: 12:25 am . The project director wanted to talk to Jesse Morris .

Greenwood: 12:40 am . ~~Cars~~<sup>being driven by white antagonists</sup> ~~XXXXXX~~ The cars/have moved out of the driveway.  
In order for them to drive out, they would have to go through a crowd of whites;  
If they went out on either on the right or left they would have to go through h  
~~with~~ whites. Silas doesn't look too good. Still headaches. eyes watering  
continually. 12:40 white dart sitting outside. Chief Larry made him go  
away, but now is driving back and forth. The coke bottle did not actually  
hit Jake, but went through the window and splintered. And both were cut by  
the flying glass. ~~New-there-is-a-white-and-blue---~~ . Ap and UPI talked to.  
Here is a report from Bill Light. Asked the hwy patrol what he was doing. As  
aksed for protection, but McDonald, dispatcher, said he couldn't say.  
Governor's mansion said he did know what was going on, didn't know what was  
being done. FBI Lee being talked to and being given the complete story.

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Jackson: 12:05 am. Complete report of Weil's contact with the Hwy Partol. Weil called and explained the situation. Asked what the Hwy Pat. is doing, said that he wasn't authorized to say. Bob Weil explained the House Bill 564 and asked for protection. The dispatcher, McDonald, gave 353-1850 as Birdsong's no. No Answer at 12:08. 12:10, Patrolman Krohn at the Governor's mansion does know about the situation, but doesn't what is being done. Rest later. Greenwood on phone. Governor is retired and cannot be disturbed. FBI man Lee contacted.

Greenwood: 12:59. They have left the hospital and the sheriff is following them. 1:10 The kids have arrived at the office. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ All are back.

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morris.....

Greenwood: 1:55... Kids are back and everything is o.k.....

McComb: 5:00.... Foreman called...Leaving for Natchez...check on him at 8:00 am.....

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Hollysprings: 7:45 Dr. Lynd- For Jesse- Lynd spoke with Stokely and Stokely thinks that the situation is Shaw is under contrl. Jesse doesn't need to go there. For Tow Wahman- Lynd is going to Indianola today for the opening of the FS there. He has supplies with him for the FS. Tom doesn't have to worry about this.

Forman arrived in Natchez. Can be reached at 445-5531

Biloxi-- Dick Jewett- Have Annelle call him if she comes in before 10:00AM Dick won't be back until tomorrow morning.

Morning calls

Canton: Margarett Cunningham-- Everything's fine

Clarksdale: 11:18- Yvonne Klein- Had a successful day in freedom registration. 110 people were registered in Jones Town yesterday (Cohoma County).

Gulfport: Mike Z- Negro man came into the office yesterday and reported that his 8 year old nephew had been cut over the eye by some white kids. The incident happened about 10:30AM ~~yesterday~~ Saturday. He was hit over the left eye by 2 white teenagers who were throwing rocks at him. They drove a white VW. Unable to get the license of the car. The office had been receiving harrassment call all day yesterday ~~as~~ as often as one every five minutes.

Hollysprings: Karl Young-- Personnel changes - Raymond Stanley came in from California. Jon Davies, George McClain and Andrea Barker have left the project for good.

Changes-- Ralph Featherstone and Lee Garrett to McComb. Harriet Townsend to Jackson. Jim Kates, Michael Wood and Benjamin Graham to Batesville.

Communication person from Larry Rubin- Someone from comm. called him about two days ago he doesn't know who it was- Had long German name beginning with W. Please call him back.

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✓ Gulfport: Cathy Cade -- Need the sound trucj. When is it coming?  
Took 60 kids to the beach yesterday in Pass Christian. There were ne incidents.  
The Mayor had said that they would be arrested if they went, nothing  
happened. Precinct meetings to night.

┌ Laurel: Tuesday night George Hinley, John Herz, Jack Brian, all of LCDC, were  
eating dinner at the Benbow Resturant in Laurel. A man about 45 yrs old,  
5'10", 180 lbs, thinning hair, later indentified as a Dr. Twydal ask them if  
they were cr people, they replied that they were lawyers. The man said  
that he was going to call the police. He made a couple of calls and all of  
a sudden a lot of big guys started ~~##~~ coming in the rest. John Hertz called  
the FBI and the local police. When he was on the phone with the police  
two cops showed up. They first talked with the local white guys, then they  
talked with the lawyers. They were extremely courteous and stayed there until  
the lawyers had finished eating.  
Please the FDP leaflets. What about the P.A. system that was promised to  
them?

Tupelo: Issac Coleman- The county and precinct meeting will be held  
Wednesday night at 7. The meeting will be scheduled for the freedom house.  
Stu Ewen went to Columbus to run off leaflets for the meeting. People in  
Hollysprings will help get the people to the meeting because Tupelo doesn't  
have any transportation.  
WDIA, a Negro station in Memphis, will give the people in Tupelo free time  
on the redio station today.

Hollysprings 11: 50 - Carl Young-- Robert Feinglass, white summer volunteer,  
was arrested at 10:00 this morning at Olive Branch in Desota County. He was  
charged with speeding at 70 in a 65 MPH zone. Two Memphis lawyers, Bert  
Perkel and George Orris went to pick him up.

Moss Point: Mermie McKay. 12:00-- Ron Ridenour, Sue Ryerson, Debby Rand  
have left the project for good. Mermie McKay will probably be the communi-  
cations person there.

Had the precinct meetings in Moss Point last night. Very Sucessful. There  
were 206 people present in all of the meetings. There were 8 prec. 10 people  
were chosen from six precincts and six people from the other two. There will  
be precinct meetings im Pascagola Staunday night.  
Turney O'Brian for Tom Wahman.

West Point: Jean Wheeler-- Call Tupelo and Aberdeen to give them the correct  
date for the state meeting. Will be held Aug. 6.

┌ Greenwood: 12:30--Rev. A.G. Allen going to work in his barbershop at  
116 Johnson Street--found brick through window; barbershop has been used  
for Freedom registration--FBI said they draw distinction between FDP and  
regular registration, that we are just a petition which means different  
types of Federal involvement. More on last night: the sheriff and the  
local police followed them to SNCC office, then sheriff followed McGee  
car home--both Cyrus and Jake got glass particles ineyes from coke bottle  
thru car window on way to hospital from theatre--small cuts and abrasions  
on face and arms of both--are trying to dissuade them from going back  
to theatre, but probably will be unsuccessful. FBI INTERP. AND FUTURE  
PLANS CONFIDENTIAL. (Ilene)



Hattiesburg: Have someone check on Jimmy White and David Golden. They say that they are working with CKEY radio. Don't know what state. They want to do a story on Hattiesburg.

Report on the Ben Hartfield case

Presiding Judge Misen of Federal District Court hearing on motion of State of Mississippi to remain a petition ~~for~~ for removal by lawyer Peeple for petition in consolidation of Mississippi Statute.

The motion for removal under section 12-1143 of the United States code pertain to the removal of criminal acts to the Federal Court.

Argument by Judge Jimmy Duke-- Cases are not removal under Section 12-1143 He used Ben Hartfield's case as an illustration. He sated that they are not denied any discriminatory acts.

Peebles argues that the constitutionality of the statute has not been determined under section 12-1143 and that section 1 is outdated. The judge should live up to modern laws.

Duke argues that the court remains that the case stay in the State Court.

. The court will protect the people and will go all the way from the Federal court to the Sumpreme Court. He also said that the criminal cases should be held in the state courts.

Peebles remarked that it seems that the Judge has already determined the constitutionality of the statute. He wouldn't hear arguments.

Peebles filed notice of appeal and state was agreeable.

Greenville: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 335-2173 call back about King tapes finances--Emmy-- important.

Bill on whats line.

Ruleville: 2:20 pm; ~~Message from McLaurin from xxxj; emy; Greenville; Edwards;~~ Call as soon as possible;

Message for McLaurin: Call Ruleville for Tecklin, Gronemeier, or Edwards, imediately.

Meridian: 2:25; wanted to know who is coming to Meridian today? especially if a Mrs. Keivets is coming. there have been seveal phone calls for her.

Mound Bayou: 2:55, has a new number and a name of John Dringo, 57M. Last night as reutrened from Sahw about 5:30, I, Bradford, was told to go see the Mayor of Mojnd Bayou. A white resident, David Peiper, told the mayor he was going to beat someone and make blood. The mayor advise him not to. After Bradford, talked with Mayor, called Shaw. About 7:00 in a '63 Falcon, David Peiper appeared again. (He usually dirves a black pick-up truck) He did not do anything. David is a resident of Mayorgold, 2 miles away. -- There are people who have openly make this threat. Last Sunday. Last night people heard openly what he said. Did ~~leal~~ notify the local police. (Greenwood has the license plate of the black truck). Threat = (Sunday before last) "bump your guts out." To ~~a Peter~~ in a laudramat. Told the mayor that he would see to it there ~~there~~ would be ~~Hobb~~ shed. -- He does nothing yet; just talk. ~~\$\$\$\$\$~~ Westley Lidell is name of Mayor. Pete was the one threatened Sunday ~~\$\$\$~~ before last. Mayor is Negro. Pete Burr. -- New phone is in the office. The threat in the laudramat was at 3:00 pm. Bill Robinson will notify the FBI.

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✓ Laurel: Jeff Smith- Got thrown out of the 518 E. 1st address. The meeting place for the county meeting that will be held on July 31 will be at the Mallillieu Methodist Episcopal Church. Have someone from the radio crew to call Jeff.

✓ Columbus: Mike Higson and Emma Bell - 9:30-- A 15 year old boy from West Point, Willie Wright Jr. was detained and ~~arrested~~ and taken to the West Point Jail at 2:15 PM. The police claimed that he threw an empty can at a patrol car. Emma Bell, Charles Lester and Linclon were out canvassing at this time. The police had been following them, but they had taken a short cut and lost them. They went to the boy's house to talk to parents but the parents weren't in. She said that when they came out of the house the boy was throwing an empty can at a garbage pail, he missed and the can rolled into the street. At that time the patrol car was passing. The cops pulled the guy into the car. He was pulling back from the police because he didn't know what was happening. The police ~~claim~~, according to Emma Bell, was a complete fabrication. Emma called the police station. The Desk Clerk said the charge was throwing at a police car. He said that the boy will be turned over to his parents until the Judge got out of the hospital. But he assured her that the boy will come to trial.

Emma said that there were four people who were willing to sign affidavits that the boy wasn't throwing at the police car.

~~East~~

✓ West Point: Emma Bell-- Last Saturday night a Miss Catherine Hannah, cook at a drive-in, was fired from her job. Her boss said that the reason she was fired is because they had seen some men coming from the kitchen last month with a sack. Miss Hannah feels that the reason she was fired was because she had attended a freedom school last Thursday night and told her fellow workers about it Friday. One of the ladies told the boss, and Sat. she was fired.

✓ Aberdeen: Robert Levell- New number- 369-9076. John Deerworth Precinct meeting was held Friday night. About 25 people turned out. Another one will be held Wednesday.  
✓ The County meeting will be held on July 31 at the St. Paul Methodist church.

McComb: Lee Garrett- 4:46- Mandy Samstein was arrested today at 4:30 for failure to yield the right of way. He was taken to the Justice of Peace and fined \$16.50. He was taking some kids to Baertown to canvass and distribute leaflets for the precinct meeting. The kids who were with him were not arrested. Lee Garrett immediately called the police after they got the call ~~that~~ that Mandy was arrested. The police said that they didn't have him. Mandy called right after that and said that he was taken to the JP. He is still there

Batesville: Clare O'Conner-- Can't put the volunteers up who arrived today from the orientation in Jackson. Will try to put them up in Holly Springs. Please try to reassign them-- Have no use from them in Batesville.  
Have Annelle to call the office.

Hattiesburg: Steve Wilson is on his way to Gulfport. Dr. Herbert Cave and Dr. Dick Brenner arrived in Jackson. Also Gail Soward. Dave Derienzo, the driver of the car, will be coming back to Jackson tonight.

Meridian: Lousie Herney-- Mark Weavy, Freedom school coordinator, thinks that they need a lawyer in Meridian. The Tax beaurea of Meridian stated that the Baptist Seminary is going to be taxed. The reason is that the seminary is letting the Freedom school use the building and that is an unrelated church activity.

Barbara Miller, Doug Baer and Greg Hewlett are in Canton and are on their way to Jackson.

(Rose)

Batesville: 5:50 - Got 4 people up here. Are not going to send the 4 people to Holly Springs tonight, anyway: Dorothy Hughes, Catherine Holly, Lola Johnson, Janet Jemmott. They are new volunteers. Batesville did not know about them in advance and trouble with places to stay. Tomorrow will let know how many will stay in Batesville.

Meridian: David Kopes - if have very few people, can still elect full number of delegates? Flukey answered.

Biloxi: 6:05 - Dickie - Wants to talk with Jimmy about money. CALL BACK.

Hattiesburg: to Rita. Mike Starr from Jackson called -- all here take care of -- his affidavit on way to New York -- would she check with Larry Warren, who will be in Greenw. tomorrow -- got an affidavit from him about his call to the jail on Monday June 22.

Vicksburg: Jan - got message from Bob Cohen to give words of a song. Ruth took the words.

Ruleville: 6:30- Linda Cess left at about 3:00 pm. She is not signed out. Headed for Jackson. With the lawyers.

Natchez: 6:30 - A good day. Full of accomplishments. Contacts in community. Looking for another smaller office. Found a place for about \$10.00 a moth. Will have a SNCC and COFO office. Town is big and therefore necessary. One will be mainly for a school -- it is in a nearly 75% Negro community. Are being followed but not so much. Police watch the house closely. Not so bad as before. Mitch and Forman left very early - 12:00. Went to Batesville.-- Are getting people to come over to office a little bit, but no chairs yet etc. Snakes in back yard. Will paint tomorrow. Full working condition by tomorrow. Need a mimeo machine, typewriters, paper. -- Dorey goes to trial in Hattiesburg. They will come up Wednesday night.-- They are concerned about contacts with Jackson. Did not get a call returned from Jackson today. "Keep all the fools off the telephones."

Cleveland - Lennell Barrett - about going to Laurel to Shaw. John Bradford put me in Cleveland. No CC or FS here. Need someone in Laurel.



Cleveland (con't)

Want to start a community center in Laurel. Apparently in Laurel VR people are trying to do everything. I feel I would be more helpful in Laurel. --She will stay in Cleveland doing VR work. Annell spoke with her.

Greenwood: We will give another half hour for Linda Cess and blond lawyer. She is driving an attorney's car. Gene Koazen, Jack Oppenheim and the blond are the people in the car other than Linda. Think are all white. Probably passed through Belzoni. Blond is named Ann Cooper.

Jackson: Sherwin called LCDC. No knowlege of the lawyers car.

Canton: 7:07 - \$\$\$ \$\$\$\$\$\$ \$\$ -- George Raymond spoke with Dona earlier re- Collier called Canton collect and call was not accepted. Do not know where he was calling from. Maybe jail. We should check. -- Not in the jail.

Tchula: 7:20 - Goerge Taylor and Tom Harris were supposed to pick up girls \$\$\$\$\$\$ in Mileston who are supposed to be there. The girls apparently got another ride, but did not even pass through here. George and Tom Harris are spening the night in Tchula.

Greenwood: Rita says that Sherwin sent the forms to Tchula for the trial. Ben Collins and Pettersno are being suponeaed.- Tchula \$\$\$\$\$\$ city, Homles county and Belzoni city jails. None know anything.

Greenwood: Betty Garman - info exchanged.

Batesville: 7:55 - Tim Morrison on his way to jail for speeding. No one is in the Batesville office now. All are at a mass meeting. At the West End Church in B. He needs \$26.20 to be wired to Sheriff's Dept. in Batesville, He was with Claude Weaver who is still waiting in the car. No physical mistreatmnet.

Jackson: Jim Jackobs has joined the radio crew until Saturday.

Vicksburg: David Riley re-affidavits. Concerns a burned community center. Police have done little to find out who did it.

Greenwood: Could have bypassed Mileston: Indianola, 237 @ number of Sunflower County jail; Belzoni = 31; Yazoo City = police = 746-1131, county jail = 746-4873. It has definetely been 5 hours since they left Ruleville. Might have takne 3 hours to Jackson. Therefore have waited 2 hours.

Jackson: The carload has arrived.

Batesville: They have no police department according to the operator. No body at the jail. Sherwin checking FBI on this info.

Canton: George Raymond: 8:20 - 5 ministers arrived on bus at 5:50. Left bus station in car of Mrs. Mary Robinson, from the community. And Mrs. Kelly was in the car. Ministers were white. White '64 Chevy in front of them owned by Mr. Peterson, white. In back 1960 blue & white owned by Moszy who was driving. When going out on main st. Mr. Peterson got out of car pulled hoos up. As if something wrong with car. Thus stopped movment of the other cars. Mrs. R. asked Moszy asked to move so she could back out. -- Stayed in that situation until 7:35. \$\$\$\$ Was in a white neighborhood. They got the police to come at 7:35 and they helped move the car. A large car gathered. The cop got the guys to push the car out of the way. -- At the bus station 5 other whites, other than Moszly and Peterson,



had threatened to beat up the ministers. Names of the ministers: Coleman, Goerge; Boardman Cathan; Farley; Whellwright; Julius Belser; Richard Milsord. Are all NCC ministers who have just arrived. The ministers were on their way from Jackson. Would recommend to Warren McKenna that the ministers be driven to Canton rather than coming on bus.

Details: cars and white people - about 30 Negroes and 50 whites on foot. The ministers got into cars sent by the Canton office. -- A guy - a local Negro - happened to see the situation and went and told the COFO office. Goerge Rayomnd etc. got in a car and went to help. Came back again to get more cars from COFO. Local guy came at about 6:45.

The alley was ~~backed~~ blocked by the "stalled" car. Were 4 cars behind the ministers car all with whites in. Were 11 of workers in truck. Wnet up to the car and asked what was wrong. "Here come the damn niggers and all the VR boys." Goerge said to go back to truck. Saw car loads of whites coming and parking near by along the road. "If these niggers get in the way we are goin' to kill them all." Alvin ran to police station. Told them to come. They said had a car going down there. That was about 20 minutes before the car came. -- About 100 colored people on the corner and many white cars.

When sheriff made them move the car, pulled off in truck after a threat "There nigger. Were going to kill you." Alvin ran and hopped on truck.

No body approached the car. High tnesion. Very evident that riot could have started bet. the ~~the~~ the Negroes and the whites standing around.

Clarksdale: everything ok.

Another succesufl day in Jonestown. 110 forms signed. Road block put up by the local ~~police~~ sheriff. After cursing them out, let them proceed.

McComb: 8:50 - The police are preparing a warrant to arrest Bryant. Charge is publically displaing a fire arm.

Mendy was guilty! The police were right. He was not looking.

Batesville: Sherwin got a hold of the jail. Talked to Constable Leddbetter. He said he himself arrested Tim Morrison. Tim is charged with speeding. According to Leddbetter, Tim plead guilty and was fined \$26.20. He is still in jail and will not get out until fine is paid. -- Tim\$ when he first was stopped by the officier said he was not doing 80, but 75.

Mr. Miles said he would go to the Church and tell the Batesville people, who are at a mass meeting, that Morrison is in jail. Will let us know.  
Batesville: Morrison's fine paid (\$26.20)--out of jail--pled guilty to speeding charge--looks like he really was.

Tchula: Steve Bingham will be going to hte police station tomorrow in Durant for the trial of the man who attackee him. At 12:00. Trial at the police station. The FBI talked with Steve today.

Batesville: All's well with Tim Morrison.

Tupelo: 11:10 - Isaac Coleman

T. Progressive Freedom League has had difficulties in finding a place to meet. Tonight decided to picket Negro businesses -- a motel and a grocery store. The Ruptert Motel and the Ashby Grocery Store. -- Plan to start picketing in the morning.

Ashby is the man in the Elks club whom they asked for rental. He cancelled a meeting at which the young and old were present because the young who would have voted for lending the hall out numbered the old. Had only the older members vote later. Voted not to let building.

The no. minister came to the meeting - 2 of the other meetings - went to Oxford to talk to elders -- not able to go at last minute.

The car from Columbus blew up about 12 miles out of Columbus. It was haled back to Columbus. Will try to fix it if possible.

Speaker for precinct-county on 29 of July -- Wed. ?? Perhaps Stokeley Carmichael or Jim Forman. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. It is scheduled for the Freedom House. There is the possibility, slight, of using an abandoned church. If can make it to Oxford to see the elders -- need a car to do it -- might get the church.

MOSES advised against picketing.

Jackson: Dave Dennis and others going to Neshoba tomorrow. Depart very early am.

Greenwood: 12:45--Hollys Springs held precinct and county meetings tonight--"great" meeting according to Ivanhoe Donaldson--about 300 attended. After the convention was over, the police stopped every Negro coming out--took down all license number--stopped about 70 of the cars in addition for license checks--arrested 5 on various traffic charges--trial at 10 tomorrow--about 200 surrounded the police cars after the meeting and sang Freedom songs. The meeting was held in a school--the superintendant had said that he would tear or burn down the school if a meeting was held there.

Greenwood: 1:00--Judy Richardson--there are two fire trucks outside the office who say they've been called for a fire.(?) There is no fire. Judy is afraid it is an attempt of some kind to raid the office. 1:05--they have left.

Three fire trucks and two police cars circled the Greenwood office and left after responding to a false fire alarm in that area.

Correction on the above: three police cars and three fire trucks have pulled up in front of the Greenwood office in response to a false fire alarm that was given from outside the COFO office this is 1:15 am

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Columbus, Mississippi, 11:30 AM, Four people arrested, Delmes Henderson, Albert Dronge, Charlie Grant, Willie James Mayes, local volunteer workers, for passing out leaflets without a permit. They were taken to the City Jail. The police station number: 328-7511. Don White, local SNCC director, reports that at 1:40 pm the police were still questioning the defendants, trying to find out who was directing civil rights work and what local Negroes were involved. At 2:25 pm these additional people had been arrested: Warren Calloway, a summer volunteer, Muncy \_\_\_\_\_, a local person, along with these other local people: Charles Goins, Robert Jones, James Edward Jackson, \_\_\_\_\_, James Mitchel. All persons over 18 have a \$400 cash bond and all under 18 are turned over to the Juvenile Court.

3:55 pm. Four more people were arrested, one of whom was immediately released. Names of those arrested: Marvin Griffin, age 19, Roosevelt Gregory, Earl James Mayes, all local people, \_\_\_\_\_ Marcus was arrested and released immediately.

3:50 pm: A bomb threat came in over the phone "I've just about had enough of this shit." Emma Bell, A SNCC worker asked "What do you mean?" The reply "About this 1323 6th Avenue shit." (SNCC office of COFO project) "Watch out for the good old damn bomb tonight."

Itta Bena: FBI arrested three white men for interfering with civil rights workers.

The SNCC office wants the Justice Department to be notified and requested to file suit to injoin against the enforcement and use of and to declare unconstitutional any such a statute requiring a permit to distribute leaflets.

The FBI should be requested to investigate and arrest those violating the law of the land and denying people their constitutional rights by enforcing such an illegal and unconstitutional statute.