

March 11, 1964

Canton: John Neuman (summary of case of Bouldin brothers)

Floyd Bouldin, 19; resisting arrest and disturbing the peace: 30 days, \$140.

Ernest Bouldin, 16; don't know charges or outcome of case yet, but his case was in juvenile court yesterday

Arthur Lee Bouldin, 18; carryin a concealed weapon, resisting arrest, disturbing the peace (was also charged with trespassing, but it was dropped): 12 months, \$680.

Details:

Thursday, March 5, the three boys mentioned above plus Samuel Bouldin, their brother and Benny Lou, their sister were driving on the highway and pulled out and passed the car of Constable Bruno Holly of Canton. They stopped at a store further along the road and Holly stopped also, cursing Floyd out (he was the driver). Floyd used to mow Holly's lawn, and wanted to straighten the matter out, so after dropping Samuel at his home, the four went to Holly's house to talk. Floyd got out of the car to talk with Holly and Ernest and Arthur Lee got out afterwards to hear the conversation (there seemed to be an argument). Holly asked them if they'd come to argue with him. Floyd said no. They were told to leave and Floyd and Ernest got into the car. Arthur was getting in last and said something to Holly which the others couldn't hear, and which Holly evidently didn't like. He cursed at Arthur Lee and kicked at him but missed. He then told them they weren't going anywhere and that they were under arrest. He shot at Arthur Lee's feet and made him go over to his car. ~~kkkkkk~~ Holly told Arthur Lee to hold out his hands which he didn't do. He asked him again - still no response. Another man named Cox drove by and Holly shouted to him that he had more on his hands than he could handle. Cox stopped and gave Holly a rifle which he held on. ~~kkkkkk~~ Benny Lou who was still sitting in the car. Holly handcuffed Arthur Lee and took his nightstick (or something similar) and beat him on the head. The three brothers got into Holly's car and were driven to the ~~kkkkk~~ county jail - Cox was with them holding the rifle on them during the ride. On the way Holly made such remarks as "you and I can't both stay in Madison county" and "I've been wanting you niggers for a long time". At the jail the sheriff and members of the highway patrol were waiting for them (evidently they had all been called). Again Holly hit Arthur Lee and then sent Ernest and Floyd to their cells and beat Arthur Lee more. He came into the cell with a swollen jaw and bumps on his jaw and arms.

Mr. Bouldin went to a white lawyer in Canton who told him that he couldn't help him and that if he defended his sons he'd just be taking his money because they could never possibly win their case because of the racial situation in Canton.

Mr. Bouldin signed property bonds to get his sons out ~~kkkkkkkk~~ of jail, but Hayward Samuels and Samuel Bouldin (~~kkkk~~), Jr. (the brother in the car) were sent from the court to the jail and told the bond wouldn't be accepted. They went to Justice of the Peace Hawkins who had made out the papers and he said that they hadn't been able to bond the people out because Mr. Bouldin had been seen at the courthouse on Freedom Day trying to register.

Monday ~~kkkkkk~~ Floyd and Arthur Lee were tried and Tuesday Ernest was tried. Mr. Bouldin doesn't have a phone and therefore the Canton office hasn't been able to find out the outcome of Ernest's case. They can get no information from the Canton sheriff. None of them have had lawyers, and we have not been able to secure a lawyer for them yet though we're working on getting ~~kkkk~~ John Due from Wiley Branton's office. All are still in jail.

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Natchez: George Greene

the nine year/ old boy who was hit on the head by a white man during the weekend of Febr. 28-29 died. ~~kkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk~~ The police report that he had been hit by a car, but ~~kkkk~~ his only injury was on the top of the head. He was buried Sunday. George is going to see his father this afternoon for more information.