

2nd Rider's Claim Gets FBI Probe

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At the specific request of Burke Marshall, an assistant attorney general in the Justice Department, Washington, the FBI is investigating the claim by a Negro woman "freedom rider" that she was struck in the face by an officer during interrogation at the Hinds County penal farm.

Meanwhile, one other of the so-called "freedom riders" made arrangements to pay his fine and leave jail Thursday to get married. He is Peter Stirling, 20, white Cornell University student. He said his intended bride is white, also.

In another development, by mutual consent of both sides the appeal to county court of the fines and suspended jail sentences given 51 "freedom riders" was continued until the first week of August.

Jean Thompson of New Orleans posted \$500 bond Wednesday and charged that Farm Supt. Max Thomas struck her.

Hinds County Sheriff J. R. Gilfooy said Thomas called her charge "a lie."

The 19-year-old Negro girl told newsmen that Thomas slapped her on both sides of the face and broke off an arm of her glasses during routine questioning at the county farm. The girl was the

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ninth "freedom rider" released on bond. Her attorneys claimed that the girl sought release because she is asthmatic and needs treatment.

The Negro woman claimed that Thomas slapped her when she failed to say "sir" when answering questions to fill out a form as she was lodged at the farm.

Sheriff Gilfooy said the "whole thing was funny. I don't know what happened. But I did not receive a complaint on the incident."

Gilfooy said he knew of the incident previously reported involving another "freedom rider," Rev. C. T. Vivian. The sheriff said Vivian and officers had a scuffle and doctors checked him afterwards. A small patch was required to cover a cut, officers said.

In New Orleans, Wade Brumwell, FBI agent in charge, said his office is investigating the girl's claim at the specific request of the Justice Department.

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