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The police.

At [this] time, the [women] were in their own front yards. The police were kicking them, beating them with sticks and using very abusive language. He stopped and asked the police why they were not downtown [during] their duty instead of taking it out on a group of poor, defenseless women. The police told him to mind his own business, because today they were going to beat as many niggers as they possibly could.

After this remark they turned on him and started beating and kicking him because of his inquiry about the ladies. Fortunately, he did not have

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To be hospitalized but he did require medical attention. He happens to be the owner of a large business here in Memphis and [plane] are presently being made to do something about this act of violence.

The other person, with whom I talked, is a senior in high school. She was standing with a group of students waiting for the person who had made their posters to arrive. At this time they were quite orderly. Police approached them and said, "Niggers get off the streets or take what we have for you." The students were explaining why they were there,

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But before they could finish, they were being sprayed on their faces.

In my opinion, neither if these actions was [sic] necessary. It is very sad though, that nothing probably will be done about either. In a sense, it seems that the police were taking advantage of the disorder in order to receive personal satisfaction. Since this may never be proved to be correct, many of the incidents of that day will go unnoticed and the guilty will not be punished.

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