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James Forman: Right now, they might pick us up for loitering, noise, trouble.

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James Forman: So he was the last one to come to the office. Uh, he knows what I'm talking about.

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James Forman: He broke his glasses, but he's still here.

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[[Audience Laughter]]

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James Forman: But, uh, I'm going to ask that he come, that he'll come up to and tell you some of his experiences,

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James Forman: because he was there when I got there. He'd already been there 12 days

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James Forman: and I was there 5 and he was there 17 days. And Bender, Mr. Bender, who was there 19 days, could tell you a little something what happened.

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James Forman: I've been telling you something, but I think he can tell you more than I can.

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James Forman: Well, I would like for Mr. Bender would come up and tell you something.

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[[Audience clapping]]

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Mr. Bender: Well, I don't know how to begin. Um.

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Mr. Bender: I don't know what to say. But, uh.

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Mr. Bender: I was picked up one Wednesday afternoon in front of Carter's Drugstore picking.

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Mr. Bender: So, I picked it about five, I picked about five minutes,

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Mr. Bender: And I should have jumped fly. He came around and arrest me.

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Mr. Bender: They take me around the courthouse, and they you know, talking about roughing me around.

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Mr. Bender: So, because uh they started calling me a whole lot of hard names like "Nigga" and all that kinda stuff so.

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Mr. Bender: I start saying "No" and "Yes" to them, you know

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Mr. Bender: Because they asked me do I know how to say "yes, sir" and "no, sir"

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Mr. Bender: I told them, "no." So and uh

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[[Laughter]]

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Mr. Bender: He asked me when I got home.

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[[clapping]]

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Mr. Bender: He asked me how long I've been in Selma. I told them I been home about a week. He asked me why did I come?

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Mr. Bender: I told him, I had a reason, so. He said how come you don't go back?

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Mr. Bender: I said er don't I have a right to live in Alabama?

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Mr. Bender: He told me said you open you mouth again, I'm gon' knock your teeth out. [Audience reaction]

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Mr. Bender: Then I said you know, one sentence so he sound on me a couple of times.



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