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<i>Mr Bender</i>: don't you here me talking to you?' I said 'if I open my mouth again ya gonna knock my teeth out.' [[Audience Laughing, Clapping]]

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: Then they taking me from the court house to the county jail. I got round there so the, you know the key turner, he take my fingerprints. You know, something like this.

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: So my fingers out like this and so he told me said 'let your fingers be limp' and I said 'I'm trying to do all I can.'

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: He said 'if you don't know, I got, I got a silver head little club bout this long got it painted silver, you know it got silver on it. I got something that will make you be limp.

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: And I said well it's up to you. They got my fingerprint, take my pictures and told me I was an ex-convict. I asked 'em why?

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: He said something. So I said 'a man an ex convict for picketing for his right?' He said open you mouth again and I got something for you son so I wouldn't say nothing else.

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: They take me back on there put me in a cell bout five minutes, another cat he came up. White fella, some kinda of superintendent or something. He wanna know about my mother, bout my mother.

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: So he come back in and asked me do I know Chrisbell Johnson? I told him no. He said, he went up to the desk and got a statement or something came back and you know he signed it a couple a times.

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: I said well nah I don't know her. He said 'well this paper say you do.' I say 'Oh yea I know that lady. I said 'I think she my sister or something.' [Audience laughing]

<i>Mr Bender</i>: He said 'you wanna be smart don't you?'

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: No I said. Don't you know, I say yeah sir, no sir. I said through some people's eye I knew I'd say yeah sir no sir to, but you I do not respect.

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: You know. And then he got you know, kind of- [Audience laughing] [Audience clapping]

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: And so he you know he got kind of pale in the face and then he turned to this, the jailer and told him ain't he got a way to make me be you know,

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: If y'all aren't doing something and these white people know that you offend them, they do you like a dog.

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: But-

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[Audience laughing/clapping]

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: So, so as I had been you know one yeah, no talk. I had to tell him. [?] He was talking about putting me in solitary.

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: So I had never been in jail before, so I asked him what solitary was you know and he act like I was crazy and said I got good scent.

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<i>Mr Bender</i>: They told me and said at this said 'where you come from said-



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