

At about 2:30 a.m. Friday, May 20, in the ambulance in which I was riding we heard a police car reporting chasing a car out Dekalb Avenue for running a red light; chased the car for about 20 minutes, kept saying the car was running red lights, at one point, said Tried to wreck us. The ambulance followed, because we figured they would be shooting or a wreck; followed the car to Decatur out Memorial Drive; the car wouldn't stop, drove into park on the south side of Decatur, into swampy part of the park; we heard shots and went down the creek with a stretcher.

They had the man in the creek, kicking him; he had been bitten by the police dog and hit over the head with a sawed off shotgun; He was handcuffed. He was kicked by about 10 different people, including the ambulance driver. There were about 30 police there by that time, including lots of Dekalb Police, who had heard the radio.

When we got there, the man was saying, "Don't hit me again!", and I heard someone say about 20 times "Get him, Bill". I tried to pick him up and put him on the stretcher, no one would help me. A policeman shoved him and he fell on the other side of the stretcher and was bitten again by the police dog. I got him on the stretcher, but someone dragged him off, pushed him down in the mud on his face, and then made him walk to the ambulance; more police kicking him and cuffing him across the face. There were some superior officers there and they tried to find a car with 2 officers so one could ride back in the ambulance with us. Finally, they found one off-duty policeman and he rode in the ambulance. He shoved the man face down in the ambulance, and he climbed in and kicked him. The man finally got a bit belligerent and said "I wish I was dead", and the police officer said, "Well, I'll take the hand cuffs off and you run, and I'll just fix that for you".

When we got to Grady, the detention officer roughed him up a bit more. He was treated at the emergency clinic. Usually anybody who comes in like that is taken to X-Ray, but before they got to X-Ray, he was taken off to jail.

Turned out the reason he didn't stop when they saw him running the red light was that he had borrowed his friend's car without permission. They said

it was a stolen car, and there was some talk of charging him with attempting to murder a police officer.

He gave his name to me as "Leroy McFarland", but then he gave it to the attorney as "Lou McMorris" or something like that.

(A person is not allowed to make a phone call from Grady's detention ward. Sometimes it is 18 hours before they get out of Grady, but the police don't let them make a phone call.)