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## Tarrants Denied Status of Pauper

MERIDIAN (AP) — Thomas Albert Tarrants III, convicted last week of attempting to bomb the Meridian home of Jewish leader Meyer Davidson, is appealing his conviction and will have to bear the expense of the process himself.

Tarrants' attorneys went before Circuit Judge Lester Williamson here yesterday in an effort to have the 21-year-old Mobile man declared a pauper. The attempt was designed to force the state to pay for the expense of the appeal, which defense attorney Roy Pitts says should cost approximately \$1,035.

Williamson declined the request, however, when it was revealed that the late-model car Tarrants was driving on the night of his arrest was his personal property. Police had said earlier that the car belonged to Joe Daniel Hawkins of Jackson, a co-defendant in the bomb attempt case.

Tarrants denied this, however, and admitted the car was his. He said he had a bill of sale for the vehicle.