

Ex-Klan Leader Arrested On Negro Murder Charge

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Nov. 18 (UPI)—A former Ku Klux Klan leader, Sam H. Bowers Jr., was arrested Monday on a murder charge in the slaying of Vernon H. Dahmer, a Negro, while preparing for his conspiracy trial in the same case.

Bowers was arrested while eating lunch at a restaurant during a break in a Federal Court hearing for 16 men accused of conspiracy in the 1966 firebombing death. The arrest came shortly after a county grand jury returned the murder indictment.

Bowers was taken to the Forrest County jail, and the conspiracy hearing continued after the lunch break.

Bowers was also one of 13 men indicted on arson charges in the Dahmer firebombing. He stood trial earlier this year, but a mistrial was declared when the jury could not reach a verdict.

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