



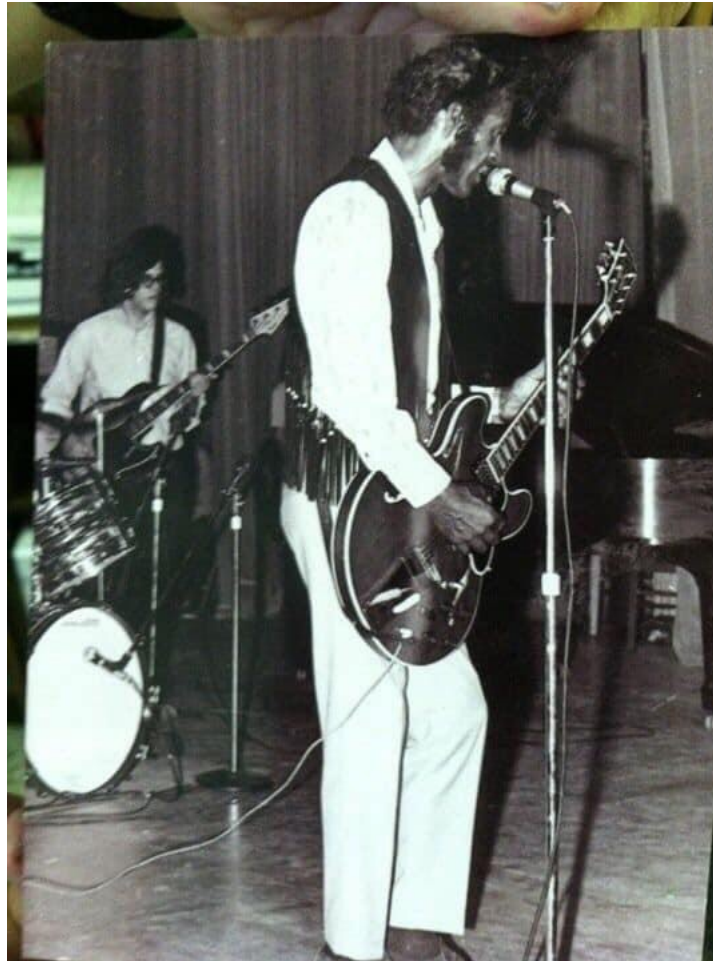
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Chuck Berry in Worcester



Back to music

Rock 'N' Roll Star Jailed

MERIDIAN, Miss. (UPI)—The Negro rock and roll star who recorded "Maybellene" and "Memphis, Tennessee" was jailed here today for trying to date a white girl.

Rock and roll singer Charles Berry, about 28, was held in Lauderdale County jail on disorderly conduct charges after he was arrested late Thursday night at a high school fraternity dance.

County Atty. Paul Busby said officers were summoned to the dance by the girl Berry allegedly asked for a date. Busby would not identify the teenaged girl.

Busby said bond would not be set for Berry until investigation was completed.

Busby said Berry, of St. Louis and New York, was singing at the dance while on "our alone in the Southeast. He said Berry was worried about missing other scheduled engagements.

Berry recorded "Maybellene," "Memphis, Tennessee," "Back in the USA" and other records for Chess Record Co. of Chicago.

Chuck Berry jailed for disorderly conduct at high school fraternity dance, Dispatch, Lexington NC, August 28, 1959 [\[Link\]](#)



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Rock 'n' roll singer jailed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The aging rock 'n' roll idol heard his sentence pronounced, choked back sobs and said: "I'm sorry. It shall never happen again." Chuck Berry was going to jail again.

Berry, a founding father of rock 'n' roll, was sentenced Tuesday to 120 days in prison and 1,000 hours of community service — primarily concerts for the underprivileged — on his guilty plea to charges of tax evasion.

U.S. District Judge Harry Pregerson suspended a potential three year sentence. He gave the singer-guitarist 30 days to get his affairs in order before reporting to the federal prison farm at Lompoc Aug. 10.

Berry, 52, author of such 1950s hits as, "Back In The U.S.A.," "Sweet Little Sixteen," and "Maybellene," pleaded guilty last month to a charge of evading taxes on a portion of his income in 1973. The musician's attorney, Bruce Hochman, said he expected Berry to pay more than \$150,000 in penalties.

Berry, wearing a con-

servative gray three-piece suit, broke down and wept as he stood before Pregerson and spoke of his aged parents, asking for lenience in their interest.

"It's impossible to hide the results of this from my parents. They are very old," he said. "I seem to get publicity on all the wrong things."

As he fought for composure, Berry told the judge: "I am pretty good at holding my own in front of many, many people. But it's this office here that causes me to choke up a little bit."

"I will do and I can do and I would be happy to do benevolent work to en-

tertain, particularly young folks," he said, adding he hopes to launch a program to dissuade teen-agers from drug use.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen March urged a stiff sentence for Berry, saying he refused to admit the full extent of his crime.

"He's still denying, still minimizing, still offering excuses," Ms. March said. "This man has \$2.6 million in net worth. The motive was not need. It was greed."

Ms. March noted this was not Berry's first brush with the law. In 1960, Berry was convicted by a federal jury

of a Mann Act violation for transporting a 14-year-old Indian girl from El Paso, Texas, to his native St. Louis for immoral purposes.

He was sentenced to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, but the term was reduced to three years by a U.S. court of appeals.

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