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Free Admission/MCLE: 1.5 Credit pending/CEUs: .15 available to attendees.
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In 1945, Willie McGee, a young black man from Laurel, Mississippi, was sentenced to
death for allegedly raping Willette Hawkins, a white housewife. His case captured the
imagination and furor of civil rights activists and celebrities, including Albert Einstein,
William Faulkner and Josephine Baker.

In spite of protests and clemency pleas flooding into President Truman’s office and the U.S.
Supreme Court, McGee was executed in 1951. THE EYES OF WILLIE MCGEE chronicles this time
in American history through Heard’s exhaustive research journey.

Alex Heard, editorial director of Outside Magazine, a graduate of Vanderbilt University,
and a native of Mississippi, now resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

“A stout argument can now be made that the execution of Willie McGee in 1951
launched the civil rights movement. A stunning narrative achievement based on
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