

Memphis Minnie

"Dirty Mother For You"

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I ain't no doctor, but I'm the doctor's wife
You better come to me if you want to save your life
He's a dirty mother fuyer¹, he don't mean no good
He got drunk this morning, tore up the neighborhood

I want you to come here, baby, come here quick
He done give me something 'bout to make me sick
Awww, dirty mother fuyer, he don't mean no good
He got drunk this morning, tore up the neighborhood

(spoken: Play it, Dennis)

I went down to the station, talked to the judge
He said, "Don't bring me none of that doggoned stuff
you heard"
Awww, dirty mother fuyer, he don't mean no good
He got drunk this morning, tore up the neighborhood

I went down to the office(r), fell out on the floor
He done something to me, now, he won't do no more
Awww, dirty mother fuyer, he don't mean no good
He got drunk this morning, tore up the neighborhood

(spoken: Play it, Dennis, play it, boy)

Won't you look here, baby, what you done done
You done squeezed my lemon, now you done broke
and run
Awww, dirty mother fuyer, he don't mean no good
He got drunk this morning, tore up the neighborhood

Note 1: mother fuyer?. You mean..., yes, you're absolutely right!. Dirty mother for you and mother fuyer are variations that attempt to take "dirty mother fucker" beyond the censors of that time, successfully. Dirty Red recorded a version called Mother Fuyer and Washboard Sam sang a version with the same title as Minnie's. This is Minnie's earliest known version.

