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SUICIDE ATTEMPTS?

Mental Test Plea For Ruby Vetoed

Hearing on Sanity Sought by Sister



JACK RUBY
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By JERRY RICHMOND, Staff Writer
 Dist. Judge Joe Brown turned down Monday a defense request to have Jack Ruby moved to a hospital for further mental tests as the condemned man's sister, claiming he is insane, filed a request for a jury hearing on his mental state.

The ruling came after only 30 minutes of testimony on the hospital transfer request, heard in the wake of two apparent suicide attempts by Ruby in his cell Sunday.

Judge Brown interrupted a report by Dr. Louis Jolyon West of Oklahoma City on his examination of Ruby in his cell to overrule the defense motion.

"Gentlemen, I know of no law in Texas authorizing me to have a prisoner transferred to any hospital, except for treatment of an immediate injury," the judge told attorneys for both Ruby and the state.

"There is no theory under which this court can

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even request, let alone order, the action requested in this motion. Therefore, I overrule your motion," he concluded.

Dr. West was allowed to continue his report, however, when Asst. Dist. Atty. A. D. (Jim) Bowie said the state wanted an opportunity to cross-examine and defense attorneys requested a chance to perfect formal exceptions to Judge Brown's ruling.

Dr. West chairman of the University of Oklahoma department of neurology and psychiatry, filed an eight-page report on his examination of Ruby as the hearing began.

DESCRIBES REACTIONS

The report, which said Ruby was having acute psychotic reactions with delusions and hallucinations, is also the basis for the sanity hearing request filed on behalf of Eva Grant, Ruby's sister.

The motion for the sanity hearing states that since his conviction March 14 for the slaying of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, "Jack Ruby has positively become and now is insane."

Dr. West's report was attached to the request as an affidavit.

Ruby, who rammed his head into a cell wall early Sunday, appeared in court under tight security precautions. Observers noted a slight bruise on his forehead, apparently from his head-long plunge at his cell wall.

Dr. West's report, which he read into the record Monday, said that Ruby ran into the wall in hopes of "ending it all" because the former nightclub operator believed "there was a terrible and gigantic pogrom" in the country with 25 million innocent people being massacred because of what he had done.

The report stated that Ruby claimed he had seen his own brother tortured, mutilated and

burned in the street outside the jail and could still hear the screams.

"Last night the patient became convinced that all the Jews in America were being slaughtered," the report continued. "This was in retaliation against him (Ruby), the Jew responsible for 'all the trouble.'"

The report stated that Ruby also told Dr. West that the orders for the "pogrom" came from Washington because "it was being carried out by police without federal troops being called out."

The Oklahoma City doctor said that attempts to persuade Ruby his beliefs were incorrect or the symptoms of mental illness aroused Ruby's anger. "Once or twice the patient seemed about to attack me," the doctor said. The report stated that Ruby could not understand how Dr. West did not know about the pogrom.

DOUBTS FAKING

Dr. West said he considered whether Ruby could be malingering or faking mental illness. His report said he discarded the possibility because, without study, Ruby would not be able to put on so convincing an act. In addition, Dr. West's report said, the former nightclub operator has repeatedly said he does not want to go to a mental hospital but wants to stay in the county jail "where they know me."

In his diagnosis, Dr. West said Ruby showed an acute psychotic reaction, paranoid state, manifested by delusions, visual and auditory hallucinations, suspiciousness, agitation, unshakable fixed preoccupations, depression, suicidal impulses and impairment of reasoning.

The report recommends "immediate psychiatric hospitalization, study and treatment; close observation and suicidal precau-

tions," and predicts the prognosis is "fair, if proper treatment is promptly instituted."

Before filing the motion for a sanity hearing, defense attorneys filed applications for 30 subpoenas for witnesses—including two of the murder trial jurors—for a new trial hearing scheduled for Wednesday.

Shortly after 1 a.m. Sunday, Ruby hurled himself head first against a plaster wall in his Dallas County jail cell, suffering a 2-inch long gash on the top of his head and a painful knot.

A medical intern on night duty at the jail applied first aid to the condemned man.

A short time later, Sheriff Bill Decker reported, jailers caught Ruby attempting to tear a strip of cloth from his white jail uniform in what may have been an effort to make a makeshift noose.

ASKED FOR WATER

Jailer S. J. Bowlin said the head-butting incident occurred when Ruby asked him for a cup of ice water. Mr. Bowlin said he had been playing cards with the former nightclub operator who had complained about not being able to sleep.

As the jailer turned to get the water at a nearby fountain, Ruby stood up and hurled himself head down into a wall.

The blow appeared to stun Ruby, but did not knock him out, the jailer reported.

Ruby was taken to a local hospital under heavy security guard later Sunday morning after he was caught tearing his uniform.

Sheriff Decker said he ordered X-rays taken of Ruby's head to make sure the prisoner suffered no serious injuries when he rammed into the wall. The X-rays verified county medical authority opinions that Ruby had not seriously injured himself, the sheriff said.

After Ruby's return to his cell from the hospital, a stream of visitors, including the new psychiatrist called in by defense attorneys, appeared at the county jail to see Ruby.

Dr. West spent about an hour with Ruby but declined comment on the condemned man's condition until he filed a written report with what the Oklahoma City expert termed "proper authorities."

Ruby's sister, Mrs. Grant, arrived at the jail about 6:30 p.m. and after a 30-minute visit commented tearfully to reporters: "He's sick. He's sick."

Defense attorney Joe Tonahill of Jasper, who arrived in Dallas Sunday in preparation for Monday morning's hearing, also visited Ruby for more than an hour.

"VERY NERVOUS"

"He a very nervous man. He's undergoing an entirely different life than he's ever known. His illness may be manifesting itself in this way," the attorney said following his visit in Ruby's cell.

Mr. Tonahill said Dr. Manfred Gutmacher of Baltimore, one of the psychiatrists who testified for the defense during Ruby's murder trial, had predicted from the witness stand that the condemned man may be suicidal.

Dallas attorney Phil Burleson also paid a visit to Ruby's cell Sunday evening. On leaving, he said Ruby appeared to be in a good frame of mind again. The lawyer declined comment on the apparent suicide attempt, however, saying he would leave that to the doctors.

Mr. Tonahill asked the court to subpoena the following persons for the new trial hearing:

Asst. Dist. Atty. A. D. Jim Bowie; Sheriff Bill Decker; Dist. Atty. Henry Wade, Police Chief Jesse Curry, Police Sgt. Pat D. Dean, Officer D. R. Archer, Officer T. D. McMillan, Capt. G. D. King, Officer J. R. Leavell, Lt. Jack Rowell, Asst. Chief Charles Batchelor.

Also Deputy Chief George L. Lumpkin, Deputy Chief M. W. Stevenson, FBI Agent Roy Hall, Secret Service Agent Forrest Correls, Morning News reporter Hugh Aynesworth, Allen W. McCoy of Irving, who was a juror in Ruby's trial, Capt. Pat Gamaway, Capt. C. E. Talbert, Capt. Will Fritz.

Also, a Mr. Fleming, vice president of an armored motor car service; Police officers, Lt. Pierce, Sgt. Putnam, Sgt. Maxey, Lt. W. Wiggins, Capt. O. A. Jones, Patrolman Jez, Patrolman Patterson; Rabbi Hillel Silverman; Mrs. Louise Malone, one of the murder trial jurors.