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Decker Eyes Guideline for Ruby Hearing

Sheriff Bill Decker said Thursday that he plans to meet with Dist. Judge Joe B. Brown to settle "ground rules" for the Jack Ruby hearing on Monday.

"I don't know if we're going to have one person here or 40," Decker said. "We need to make some plans."

Precautions during Ruby trial appearances last year included photographic identification for members of the press and a search for everyone entering the courtroom.

Decker said he plans to confer with Brown Friday.

One official said that Judge Brown was considering a "first come-first served" basis for admittance, but the judge was unavailable for comment.

Officials also have not announced the site of the hearing on a motion for a sanity trial. Ruby's trial was held in Judge J. Frank Wilson's larger courtroom, but a subsequent hearing was in Judge Brown's court.

When asked last week about his planned procedure, Sheriff Decker said he had not received instructions.

The hearing Monday could be short—with Ruby withdrawing his motion or Judge Brown setting a sanity trial date. He could, however, call for jury selection to begin immediately.

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