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# Canale Says Ray Eyeing Short Term

Phil M. Canale, Shelby County attorney general, said yesterday James Earl Ray admitted killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and accepted a 99-year prison term because he thinks he will be out of prison in two years.

Mr. Canale said defense attorney Percy Foreman told him Ray said he would be free in two years, but did not specify whether he intended to gain freedom through court action or a prison break.

There have been reports from the Tennessee State Prison in Nashville where Ray is confined in the maximum security unit, that he is having second thoughts about his deal and may try to have the sentence overturned.

Mr. Canale said on WHBQ-TV's Press Conference the only legal way Ray could do this would be through a writ of habeas corpus, which would

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