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Witness Seeking Reward

Charles Quitman Stephens, 47, the state's only material witness in the James Earl Ray case, has filed a Chancery Court law suit seeking the reward money.

Stephens' lawyers, Harvey Gipson and J. Fred Friedman, estimated that about \$100,000 had been offered by various sources for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Dr. King's killer.

Among the rewards offered in the case were \$25,000 by The Commercial Appeal, \$25,000 by Scripps-Howard Newspapers, including The Press-Scimitar, \$5,000 by the State of Tennessee, \$10,000 by the National Alliance of Postal Employees and \$25,000 jointly by Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Association of Memphis and Future Memphis, Inc. City Council first offered \$100,000 but later reduced this to \$5,000, the legal limit on rewards the city can offer.

Mrs. Wells Awsumb of the Council personally offered \$1,000 and \$5,000 was offered by an anonymous citizen in Greenwich, Conn., according to the bill.

The bill says Stephens, at various times, gave information to the police, the FBI, and Atty. Gen. Phil Canale which aided in the investigation.

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