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# Ray Will Be Returned To Memphis

## Prisoner to Be At Hearing Monday

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A court order entered today by Judge Arthur Faquin revealed that James Earl Ray apparently will be returned to Memphis for a post-conviction hearing scheduled next Monday.

The order adopted courtroom seating arrangements followed by the late Judge W. Preston Battle and also reinstated other procedures and security measures used previously in the case.

Officials declined to say whether Ray would be returned for the hearing, but one of the rules laid down by Judge Faquin today made it clear that he would be. It stated in part, "at noon recess and adjournment, and at any other time the prisoner is being removed to the jail, the spectators shall remain seated in the courtroom until the prisoner has had ample time to be removed."

JUDGE FAQUIN, who succeeded Battle as presiding judge in the Ray case, will hear arguments Monday on Ray's motion for a new trial. Ray, who pleaded guilty March 10 to the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is now serving a 99-year sentence in the state penitentiary at Nashville. Ray has asked the court to grant him a new trial, claiming that his previous attorneys pressured him into pleading guilty so they could reap financial gains from book and movie rights.

JUDGE FAQUIN stated in the order that its purpose was to "assure the orderly and fair hearing" of motions filed in the case. In addition to adopting the original seating accommodations, restricted primarily to the press and family, Faquin also set forth the following rules:

- No cameras, photographic, television, radio or sound equipment will be permitted in the building or in its immediate vicinity. Artists' sketches were also prohibited.

- All persons seeking admission to the courtroom must submit to a search.

- The bar of the court within the rail is reserved for the defendant, counsel, court personnel, and witnesses.

- Only attorneys of record, and witnesses may handle exhibits, except by order of the court.

Meanwhile, Harry S. Avery, Tennessee's commissioner of corrections, said in Nashville today that fellow prisoners in the state penitentiary have threatened to kill Ray.

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