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# Ray Suit Gets Official Status Without Bond

A federal suit filed in behalf of James Earl Ray was processed yesterday after a misunderstanding on \$250 was resolved.

Chattanooga attorney Robert W. Hill Jr. filed the suit through the mail, but it was held up pending payment of a \$250 cost bond. The bond, it was discovered yesterday, was not needed because Ray signed a pauper's oath.

The suit names Ray's former attorneys, Percy Foreman of Houston and Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, and author William Bradford Huie of Hartsville, Ala.

The suit is the first federal action initiated by the confessed killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ray is serving a 99-year sentence.

Ray has lost appeals for a new trial in Criminal Court in Memphis and before the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals.

The suit filed yesterday, however, is a civil action and is not related to a new trial.

The suit charges that Mr. Foreman, Mr. Hanes and Mr. Huie conspired to make money on the sensational case by "taking in" Ray in an agreement that gave Mr. Huie exclusive publication rights to the Ray story.

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