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Judge To Hear Ray's Request On Data Return

A hearing will be held Feb. 20 in Criminal Court on a petition by James Earl Ray for an order to require his former attorney, Percy Foreman, to surrender some material to Ray's new lawyer.

Criminal Court Judge Arthur C. Faquin Jr. set the hearing after he received a letter from Ray, serving a 99-year sentence in Nashville for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray's petition said Foreman has personal and legal mail sent to Ray while he was held at Shelby County Jail, "and the petitioner needs this material in order to prepare for his post-conviction hearing."

The Texas lawyer refused to turn over the material to Ray's present attorney, Richard J. Ryan of Memphis, "indicating the material would somehow be used against him," the convict's letter said.

Judge Faquin said Ray will not be returned to Memphis for the hearing.

Federal Dist. Robert M. McRae in Memphis has granted Ray a 50-day extension or filing an appeal in a suit to prohibit Foreman, Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, another former attorney for Ray, and Alabama author William Bradford Huie from publishing accounts in connection with the King murder.

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