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Suit Seeks To Hold Ray's Car And Rifle

If private investigator Renfro Hays gets the Mustang automobile and deer rifle that figured in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. it will be over the legal opposition of Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale and Criminal Court Clerk James A. Blackwell.

Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Canale sued in Chancery Court yesterday for an injunction to keep Mr. Hays from prosecuting a Circuit Court suit to obtain possession of the automobile and gun. Mr. Hays says James Earl Ray, confessed slayer of Dr. King, has deeded the two items to him. He claims he is entitled to them to satisfy a judgment granted him in Chancery Court in the sum of \$6,015 for professional services to Ray before he decided to plead guilty.

Mr. Canale and Mr. Blackwell term the suit against them harassment. Their petition claims they are duty-bound to retain the car and rifle against the possibility Ray might succeed in overturning his 99-year prison sentence and obtain a new trial.

Chancellor Charles Nearn will hear the injunction suit at 2 p.m. Monday.

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