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Judge Is Asked To Block Suit By Renfro Hays

Atty. Gen. Phil Canale and Criminal Court Clerk James A. Blackwell have asked Chancellor Charles Nearn to enjoin Renfro Hays, private investigator, from proceeding with a lawsuit against them in Circuit Court.

Nearn recently awarded Hays a \$6,015 judgment against James Earl Ray for his services as a defense investigator. Hays thereupon sued in Circuit Court to get Ray's 1966 Mustang and .30-06 Remington rifle to satisfy the claim. Hays says Ray deeded these to him.

The attorney general and Blackwell are holding the car and weapon as evidence for a retrial should Ray succeed in overtuning his conviction and 99-year sentence for the Martin Lutehr King slaying.

The officials' petition charges that the Circuit Court bill "is an interference with the jurisdiction" of Nearn's court. It points out that the evidence is being held in compliance with an order from Nearn. Hays has also asked \$50,000 damages against the defendants for refusing to release the Mustang and rifle to him.

Chancellor Nearn set a hearing for 2 p.m. Monday on the injunction request.

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