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Motions Denied In Ray Case

Criminal Judge William Williams today turned down three motions and reserved judgment on another made by attorneys for James Earl Ray, who is seeking a new trial under the post-conviction statute after pleading guilty to fatally shooting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

Judge Williams told the defense attorneys, Richard Ryan of Memphis and Bernard (Bud) Fensterwald of Washington, D.C., that they had failed to produce proof that the criminal court clerk

and the attorney, ~~general's~~ office had failed to produce the physical evidence they were seeking.

"If such proof is produced at a later time, I will entertain a new motion."

However, Fensterwald said he was disappointed the judge turned down the motion to provide access to the late Judge Preston Battle's personal papers and records which were involved in earlier negotiations with Ray's attorney, Percy Foreman, who later advised Ray to plead guilty and accept the 99-year plea.

Judge Williams reserved judgment on a motion by Ryan to issue a declaration of indigency for Ray and said he would probably grant the motion when Ryan submits an affidavit from Ray saying he has no money and is indigent.

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