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Police Hold Ray's Brother In Shooting Of Young Nazi

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 26. — (UPI) — Police Sunday held Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray and campaign manager for gubernatorial candidate J. B. Stoner, for investigation in the shooting of a 16-year-old Nazi.

Ray was held for investigation of aggravated assault. The youth was in serious condition in a local hospital but police would not, under law, divulge his name, since they had placed a hold on him for suspicion of theft.

Chatham County Supt. of Detectives Al St. Lawrence said Ray told him he shot the youth Saturday night when he discovered him trying to make off with a box of records from the headquarters of Stoner's white-supremacist National States Rights Party.

Stoner could not be reached for comment.

The detective said the youth, from Athens, Ala., was a member of the National Socialist White People's Party — one of the names used by the American Nazi Party.

St. Lawrence said he and other officers answered a call to a laundromat two doors down the street from the party headquarters and found the youth there. Upon entering the party headquarters, St. Lawrence said, they were met by Ray, who readily admitted the shooting.

He said Ray, who said he was a security man and campaign manager for Stoner, told them he had ordered the youth to leave the building. In the meantime, the youth had apparently pushed a box of party files through a window, then went out the door. Ray told police he looked out a window and saw the youth picking up the records, whereupon he opened fire out the window with a 38-caliber revolver, striking the youth in the stomach.

Ray, who has occasionally appeared with Stoner in campaign stops, is from St. Louis. He became associated with Stoner when the latter became



Jerry Ray
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one of James Earl Ray's attorneys in the effort to get the convicted slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. another trial.

(Jerry Ray, a 34-year-old former convict, was a frequent visitor to Memphis in the months before his brother pleaded guilty to slaying King. He and another brother, John Ray, visited James Earl Ray in his jail cell and also attended the trial. Jerry Ray was arrested on a drunk charge on July 9, 1968, but the charge was dismissed because it was his first offense in Memphis.)

Stoner has based his campaign on race hatred, promising to "take control of the liquor industry away from the Jews and give it to the white Christians . . . positively encourage niggers to move out of the state." Stoner describes Hitler as "too moderate."

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