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At Brushy Mountain Prison

Ray to Mingle With Others

PETROS, Tenn. — (AP) — James Earl Ray, convicted slayer of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who just spent 30 days in solitary confinement for attempting to escape, will be allowed for the first time to mingle with both black and white inmates at the state's Brushy Mountain Prison near Petros, Tenn.

Warden Robert H. Moore said he discussed the move with Ray.

"He just said he didn't feel like he would have any trouble with other prisoners as a result of the charge on which he was convicted," Moore said. "I wouldn't have forced him out into the population if Ray had felt like he was endangered."

Ray pleaded guilty to the April 1968 slaying of the Negro minister and received a 99-year sentence.

His new privileges will include "mixing and mingling" with 343 other convicts at the maximum security prison, about 40 per cent of whom are black.

Ray tried unsuccessfully to break out of the prison May 30, but was trapped in a steam tunnel and wound up in the prison yard where he was captured.

He completed 30 days in isolation as punishment for the abortive escape attempt Tuesday.

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