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### Court To Hear Claim For Gun

Private detective Renfro T. Hays' three-year fight to gain possession of the rifle police said James Earl Ray used in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. reached the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati yesterday.

The three-judge panel took the case under advisement. Lower courts have ruled that local authorities may continue to hold the rifle and other items "pending a final resolution of the Ray case." Mr. Hays claims Ray dedeed him the rifle as partial payment for services performed for Ray's attorneys.

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