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Ray Libel Case Set for Nov. 2

Federal Judge Harry Wellford has set a 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, date for a preliminary hearing in a libel suit filed by James Earl Ray.

The hearing had been scheduled originally for Aug. 17 but was postponed at the request of Ray's attorney, Richard Ryan, who said he was not prepared for the hearing.

The November proceedings will consider the state's motion to dismiss Shelby County Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale and former Asst. Atty. Gen. Robert K. Dwyer as defendants in the civil suit. Ray filed the suit March 30, asking damages

from Doubleday & Co. Inc., of New York and author Gerold Frank, claiming they libeled him in the book "An American Death."

Ryan claims Canale and Dwyer (now a state Court of Criminal Appeals Judge) supplied Frank with confidential records of the slaying and that Frank "falsely" quoted from the records.

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