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King Reward Ruling Asked By Claimant

A motion has been filed in Chancery Court supporting Charles Quitman Stephens' claim to the \$190,000 reward posted during the investigation of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The motion for summary judgment, filed by Harvey Gipson, Stephens' attorney, states that the attorney general's office indicated Stephens' importance during the investigation by jailing him as a material witness.

Stephens, 51, has asked Chancery Court to award him the rewards posted by the 1968 City Council, State of Tennessee, Memphis Publishing Co., Scripps-Howard, The National Alliance of Postal Employees, Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Association, Future Memphis and Council member Gwen Awsumb.

The motion states that Stephens was jailed July 2, 1968, after Atty. Gen. Phil Canale Jr. filed an affidavit in Criminal Court stating that Stephens "was residing and present on the date, at the time, at the scene of the alleged crime."

The motion said Canale added that Stephens' testimony "could be testified to by no one else."

Stephens' suit was filed in 1969, and claims he is due the money because he identified photographs of James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty in the King death. Stephens was a tenant at the rooming house where the fatal shots were fired April 4, 1968.

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