

Ruby's Sanity Case Sent to State Courts

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DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge sent the Jack Ruby sanity-lawyer dispute case back to state courts Friday after hearing a lengthy monologue from Ruby about lawyers and conspiracies.

The ruling by U.S. Judge T. Whitfield Davidson in effect rejected a claim by the Texas Civil Liberties Union and lawyers for Ruby's family that the defendant's civil liberties were being violated.

Ruby, as he returned to his Dallas County jail cell, commented: "Nothing satisfied me. So what good did it do? You can't win."

Judge Davidson turned the case over to the administrative judge for the 1st Administrative District of Texas, Judge Dallas Blankenship.

Other Results

Blankenship said he would make no decisions on future hearings until he received a copy of Judge Davidson's ruling.

The family lawyers and the Civil Liberties Union:

Won in their efforts to have State Judge Joe B. Brown removed from the sanity hearing and a possible hearing on whether defense lawyer Joe Tonahill should be removed from the case.

Lost their effort to have Davidson specifically remove Tonahill.

Lost their attempt to have the federal courts take jurisdiction.