

**Early Sanity Trial  
For Ruby Ordered  
By Appeals Court**  
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AUSTIN, Tex., May 18 (UPI) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ordered a lower court in Dallas Wednesday to "proceed without further delay" in holding a sanity trial for Jack Ruby.

The appellate court declined to rule on a defense claim that Joe B. Brown, the trial judge in the Ruby murder case, had disqualified himself by contracting to write a book, "Dallas, Ruby and the Law."

The court indicated that it would rule on Judge Brown's qualifications when it took up an appeal on the case's merits. It is defense contentions that

...that the court should consider no appeal until after a sanity trial for Ruby, who was convicted March 14, 1964, of the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of President Kennedy.

District Judge Louis T. Holland of Montague, Tex., has taken over for Judge Brown in the Ruby case in Dallas. Judge Holland said he would confer with defense attorneys and District Attorney Henry Wade and decide upon a date for a sanity trial.

If a jury decides Ruby has become insane since his conviction, Ruby will be sent to a hospital for the criminal insane. Ruby, in recent court appearances, has insisted he is not insane and that legal maneuvers would save him from the electric chair.