

History/PS # 315

Re: Ray and the American Justice System

CHRONOLOGY OF THE RAY CASE IN THE COURT SYSTEM

Appeal to the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals-----Denied

Appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court----Denied

Appeal to the Shelby County Court for Post-Conviction Relief---Denied

**Appeal to the Federal District Court asking for the trial Ray never
Received----Denied**

**Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit (Cincinnati) ---a breakthrough.
Judgment of the Court (2 to 1) was that "The entire record reeks with ethical, social,
and professional irregularities, demanding a full-scale judicial inquiry."**

**Evidentiary hearing in 1975 with Ray's defense granted the right of discovery. After
reviewing the evidence brought forth in the Hearing Judge Harold MacRae ruled
against a trial for Ray on the grounds that "guilt or innocence was not germane."
Ray had plead guilty before Judge Battle in 1969 and that was the only determining
factor. Ray would have no trial.**

MacRae's denial upheld by the 6th Circuit Court.

Later the U.S. Supreme Court refused to examine the case.