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# Ruby Faces Extensive Cancer Tests

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Jack Ruby, now faced with a new trial—cancer—will begin extensive tests Monday to find out where his cancer is.

His doctors, in a statement on his condition read by Sheriff Bill Decker, said he "continues to improve slightly" but his still-serious condition "is stabilized at this time."

The rigorous round of X rays and blood tests, the only tests scheduled at this time, may produce some information Monday.

A THUMB-SIZED lymph node was removed from his neck Saturday and was found to be malignant. He was admitted to Parkland Memorial Hospital Friday with what was thought to be pneumonia.

The medical team, Dr. Jay Sanford and Dr. Watts Webb, said they would take the case "a step at a time."

He had a relatively comfortable night (Saturday night) and slept at intervals, Decker relayed.

Four quarts of fluid in Ruby's right chest were drained and his lung was re-expanding, the statement said.

**HE HAS NO PAIN**, no fever and can eat easily now, the physicians said.

Ruby is scheduled for retrial in February in Wichita Falls, but Dist. Judge Louis T. Holland of Montague said he would wait until doctors have more information before he decides about postponing the trial.

An Associated Press story stated that, according to doctors, the 35-year-old, balding Ruby may never go to court again. Quoting the Parkland Hospital doctors, the story said "it could be a month or five years" or never before Ruby goes to trial.

**RUBY'S MEDICAL TEAM** denied the statements.

"Ruby is not at death's door," the story quoted one doctor, "but his cancer is of an advanced stage."

Ruby has seen death's door before. Once faced with the death sentence for the Lee Harvey Oswald slaying seen by millions on television, the sentence was reversed by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

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