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Texas' Highest Court Considers Ruby's Appeal

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)— The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals considered opposing arguments today that Jack Ruby either was an "avenging angel" or "a man gripped by a rage that overwhelmed him."

The state's highest court for state criminal cases heard 3½ hours of arguments Friday from nine attorneys on Ruby's appeal of the death sentence given him for killing Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

The court's decision on the Ruby appeal will not be known until fall.

Ruby was not present. He has been confined in the Dallas County jail since a Dallas District Court jury sentenced him to death in Texas' electric chair following his trial in March 1964.