

Ray Quietly Moved To Isolated Prison

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NASHVILLE, Aug. 15 (UPI)—James Earl Ray, convicted killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has been quietly moved to Tennessee's renovated Brushy Mountain Prison at his own request, a prison official said Saturday.

State Corrections Commissioner C. Murray Henderson said Ray was transferred under cover of darkness Friday from the state penitentiary here to the isolated prison in Petros, Tenn.

Ray, who was incarcerated at Brushy before its renovation, had tried unsuccessfully to escape from his maximum security cell there. He is serving a 99-year-term for the 1968 murder of the civil rights leader. Ray has been unsuccessful so far in his efforts to overturn his original guilty plea and win a new trial.