

F.B.I.'s Killing of Ray Feared by His Brother

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BOSTON, June 13—Jerry Ray, 41 years old, younger brother of James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was recaptured yesterday after escaping from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Tennessee, said today that he was glad prison guards caught his brother "before the F.B.I. agents got to him."

"I felt there was a good chance he would be found dead," said Mr. Ray, who was here on a promotional campaign with Mark Lane, author of a book on the involvement of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the King slaying.

Mr. Ray, a caretaker from Lake Zurich, Ill., said that he was "a little bit confused" about why his brother had fled. He said, "At first I thought he was tricked because so many guys went with him. He usually operates with just one guy. And he felt a little threatened by people he didn't know, persons from the Justice Department and the F.B.I., but he didn't feel threatened in prison."

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