

BELLI SCORES DALLAS OVER DEATH OF RUBY

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PARIS, Jan. 3 (UPI)—Melvin Belli, who defended Jack L.

Ruby in his trial for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused Dallas civic authorities today of negligence in "letting Ruby die."

"I can't understand why nobody realized that this man, kept under constant surveillance after a suicide attempt, was dying," he told reporters here.

"Why did nobody check up?" he asked. "Surely" he continued, "somebody should have looked after him, particularly in a town which flatters itself on having the best medical care in the world."

"It's fantastic to think that nobody ever even diagnosed he had cancer until it was too late."

Mr. Belli said his former client had always been in a somewhat uncertain mental state.

"Ruby didn't work with anybody, he had nothing to gain in this affair," he said. "It all came out of his fevered brain."

DETROIT, Jan. 3 (AP)—Sol Dann, a Detroit attorney who handled some of Jack Ruby's affairs for his family, said today that "an investigation should be made to determine whether the sheriff's office down there (Dallas, Tex.) properly protected the health of Ruby."

Mr. Dann said Ruby was still not guilty of the crime of murder with malice since the verdict in his trial was set aside.