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Jack Ruby

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DALLAS — AP — Jack Ruby's fight to escape the electric chair for killing Lee Harvey Oswald goes back into the court-

room Monday for a sanity hearing that may be unique in Texas judicial history.

For nearly two years, a parade of lawyers representing Ruby have insisted the 55-year-old former bar operator was mentally unbalanced in November 1963 when he shot Oswald.

The Warren Commission named Oswald as President John F. Kennedy's assassin.

In a surprise move, Ruby's current attorneys Thursday asked for the withdrawal of a 1964 affidavit filed by Ruby's sister, Mrs. Eva Grant, in which she said he was insane. The lawyers claim the May 18 ruling was based on the affidavit and its withdrawal would in effect remove the necessity of a sanity hearing.

State Dist. Judge Louis T. Holland Friday turned down the request. He said he was under orders from the Court of Criminal Appeals to conduct the sanity hearing and not to do so would deprive Ruby of his constitutional rights.