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Court To Hear Ruby's Death-Sentence Appeal

AUSTIN, Tex. — (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said Wednesday it will hear arguments June 24 on the main appeal to the death sentence given Jack Ruby in the death of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Setting of the date cleared the way, at least in state courts, for the first review by higher courts of the March 14, 1964, conviction handed down by a district court jury in Dallas.

Ruby, 55, was sentenced to

death for the Nov. 24, 1963 slaying of Oswald, accused by the Warren Commission of assassinating President John F. Kennedy in Dallas two days before.

Legal complications and wrangles among defense attorneys postponed action on the main appeal. A quick decision Monday that Ruby was legally sane satisfied a previous order by the Texas court of criminal appeals that it could not consider the main appeal until the sanity issue was decided.