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Ruby Plea Scheduled On June 24

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said today it will hear arguments June 24 on the main appeal to the death sentence given Jack Ruby for killing 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, who was accused by the Warren Commission of having assassinated 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, former strip joint operator, 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.

The court goes into a summer recess June 25 until Oct. 5, as prescribed by the state constitution.