

Ray-Playboy interview/polygraph - Kershaw

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Jimmy has sued and unsued Playboy.

Kershaw appears to have approved dropping the suit, if he did not arrange it.

Early this morning I heard a short account on WAVA. It said only that he had sued Playboy for libel over the polygraph, I think interpretation and that he had dropped it.

About 12, maybe a little either side of then, WTOP radio had a longer item. Kershaw speaking, not only being quoted.

Kershaw talks as though he expected every word to get back to Jimmy. Thus he called him bright or suggested it, said he has made an extensive and competent study of law and has become pretty good at it. Only, he said, he is an amateur.

On dropping the suit Kershaw was not questioned, at least in what was aired, on what he meant by saying it was "premature." That is, filing now is premature.

Jimmy's filing a suit presents a problem to Kershaw, not to Playboy.

Kershaw okayed the interview and deceived the jail to get the polygraph people in. An account after the warden complained had Kershaw representing the polygraph people if not McKinley and Gonzales as Ray's investigators. The jail was not letting Ray have ordinary visitors after his escape.