

Judge Denies Libel-Damage Claim From Brother of James Earl Ray

MEMPHIS, Feb. 14 (AP)—A Federal judge has ruled that James Earl Ray's brother, Jerry, should not be granted damages for libel in a book on the assassination of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

United States District Court Judge Bailey Brown, in a three-page decision, ruled yesterday in favor of George McMillan, author of "The Making of An Assassin," and his publishers, Little, Brown & Company.

Jerry Ray sued Mr. McMillan and the publishing concern, contending that the book libels him and violates his constitutional rights.

Judge Brown ruled, however, that Jerry Ray had executed a document saying, "In return for the payment of \$500 for information about the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, I, Jerry Ray, release George McMillan and his publisher, Little, Brown & Company from all claims forever for libel and slander, invasion of privacy or for any reasons at all."

James Earl Ray was sentenced to 99 years in prison for the shooting of Dr. King in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

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