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Tennessee Reviews King Slaying

■ MEMPHIS—A Tennessee prosecutor said his staff will interview witnesses who allege they can prove James Earl Ray was not behind the 1968 slaying of civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

But District Attorney General John Pierotti, who has called the case "a sham and a fraud," said he will not grant immunity to anyone claiming to have been part of a King murder conspiracy.

Pierotti's remarks came as the ABC's "PrimeTime Live" prepared to air an interview last night with Memphis businessman Lloyd Jowers, who said he hired someone other than Ray to carry out the April 4, 1968, killing.

Ray, who has long maintained his innocence in the slaying, is serving a 99-year sentence.

A London newspaper, The Observer, reported last weekend that a Memphis businessman said he arranged King's murder in exchange for a $100,000 payment from two men, including one with alleged links to the Mafia.

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