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Dear Sir. Harold,

I would send you a tape along with this clipping, but you insulted me the last time i called you by saying is i sent you a tape that you would toss it in the trash can.

Anna also gave off and interview to a Knoxville TV station after this article came out and on TV among other things she said that i had pulled a gun on her and threatened her life.
I heard this bull on the Chicago news and promptly called a TV station in Knoxville that had interviewed me in the past and they interviewed me over the phone and used a still picture of me and ran it on there local newscast.
My Son and his wife lives close to Knoxville and seen both intervews, the one Anna gave and also the one i gave as they were on different TV stations.
What they used of my interview was i saying that she was nuts and just saying that because James wanted a divorce.

I'll sign off for now, and if you want me to make you a tape, then just say the word.

Sincerly

Hoss.

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Ray's wife says he said he killed King

Her TV interview to be aired today

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James Earl Ray admitted killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the convicted assassin's estranged wife told a Knoxville television talk-show host. During a half-hour interview that airs today, Anna Sandhu Ray also implicates others in the 1968 slaying.

The interview will air at 7 p.m. today on "ET Horizons with Chris Williams," a locally produced PBS series shown on WSJK-TV, Channel 2, and WKOP-TV, Channel 15.

Anna Ray and James Earl Ray have countersued for divorce. She says their divorce will become final on Aug. 22.

Ray says during the taped interview that her husband — whom she calls a manipulator and a "pathological liar" — had convinced her of his innocence for most of their marriage but that she now believes he is guilty of killing King.

She tells interviewer Williams that Ray admitted killing the civil rights leader during a telephone conversation with her from prison.

"He became very angry at me one day and threatened me," she says. "I said, 'The way you're talking I could almost believe you're a killer.' I said, 'You really did kill King.' He said, 'Yeah, I did it. But what if I did it? I'm in prison. I never got a trial.' "

James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to killing King in 1969 and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. He recanted the confession three days later and is still seeking a retrial.

The wife says during the interview that she believes Ray did not act alone in plotting the assassination of King but says she doesn't believe the U.S. government was involved — as some conspiracy theorists suggest.

She names persons close to her husband as co-conspirators. Those accused by Anna Ray were investigated by the House Assassinations Committee in the late 1970s, but no evidence was brought forth linking them to the assassination.

Anna Ray — a free-lance artist who lives in White House, Tenn. — first announced she would divorce James Earl Ray in 1988. At that time, she said she wanted the divorce because her husband told her she was being "cut out" of any participation or profit in his book, "Who Killed Martin Luther King? The True Story by the Alleged Assassin."

Famed divorce and palimony attorney Marvin Mitchelson is representing her.

In 1990, James Earl Ray sued for divorce. In January that year, a judge denied Ray's petition to bar his wife from speaking publicly about their marriage. Ray has often accused his wife of profiteering from his notoriety.

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She denies that. She says she has never been paid for interviews, including appearances on "Geraldo" and "A Current Affair," and that her career as an artist has suffered since the marriage.

People stopped calling her for free-lance art assignments, she says, and the price of her paintings fell dramatically. Anna Ray says she sold paintings for up to $600 before she married.

"I couldn't sell any afterwards," she says. "The people who would buy them paid me $15, then sold them in galleries for $300 to $400."

Williams did not ask Anna Ray how she supports herself.

The only time she appears nervous during the interview is when Williams asks if she will continue to talk about her husband. Williams also mentions a TV movie that he says Anna Ray had privately told him might be in the works.

"I wonder if James can see this interview," she says.

Williams asks, "He wouldn't like that?"

"No," she says.

Anna Ray claims to be in fear for her life. She says she has been watched, that two men once rammed her car on the interstate and that James Earl Ray gave her telephone number to a man who had been harassing her. She also makes a vague reference to having her arm broken at Brushy Mountain State Prison in Petros and says a confidant of James Earl Ray threatened to shoot her. She does not say if she reported these incidents to the police.

Anna Sandhu Ray

Anna Ray is composed during the interview, never showing anger or bitterness.

A few of her statements are inconsistent. For instance:

- She denies falling in love with James Earl Ray while working as a court sketch artist during his 1977 trial for escaping from prison, a story she has told in the past. She now claims to have met Ray at Brushy Mountain prison while helping to make a TV documentary about him.
- She says she didn't meet Jerry Ray, James Earl's brother, until three years after her marriage, but a News-Sentinel file photo shows her standing next to Jerry Ray five days after the wedding.

She also repeats her claim that she had sex with her husband in prison. James Earl Ray has denied this, and the warden at Brushy Mountain State Prison said he doesn't believe the story.

Anna Ray says she married James Earl Ray reluctantly because she thought it would help him get out of prison. She says Ray and his attorney convinced her Ray was innocent and that it would be easier to get him paroled if he had a wife.

"He seemed very sweet, very kind," she says of her first meetings with him. "Almost . . . not retarded, but he seemed like he could be manipulated very easily and was convinced of certain things and had just been railroaded."

She has a different opinion today.

"He's very cold; he's not affectionate," she says. "He has at times faked affection, I'm sure. I always felt an icy stone wall that . . . I could never get through."

Ray says her husband is very intelligent but manipulates people by playing either dumb or smart — whichever he thinks will best benefit him at the time.

"He can act dumb. He can misspell words," she says. "Then he can write a letter that is so unbelievably articulate.

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