

Photo of Mysterious 'Raoul' Found, May Be Released, Ray's Lawyer Says

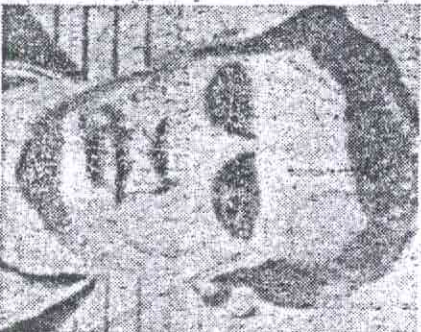
PETROS, Tenn. — (UPI) — The last of the prisoners who escaped with James Earl Ray was recaptured Tuesday, but a new bid for Ray's freedom immediately began with a claim by Ray's attorney that he has fresh evidence in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Jack Kershaw, the latest in a long string of lawyers representing Ray, said he had obtained an excellent picture of the mysterious "Raoul," the man Ray claims told him to purchase the gun used in the assassination of the civil rights leader.

Kershaw said he would request a new trial now that he has the photo. Asked how he obtained it, Kershaw responded: "By sheer luck and investigative brilliance."

"I will recommend to my client that the picture be released soon, but not before I file for a petition for a new trial," Kershaw said.

THE ATTORNEY met with Ray for 90 minutes Tuesday and later reported Ray "was mentally ex-



Douglas Shelton
last escapee captured

hausted" from his 54-hour prison escape. Ray, who went over the wall at Brushy Mountain State Prison Friday, was recaptured Monday by the same dog handler

that rounded up the last of the escapees Tuesday.

Ray, who pleaded guilty to the 1968 King slaying, now contends he didn't kill the civil rights leader. He says he joined in what he thought was a smuggling scheme and that "Raoul" instructed him to purchase the gun later used to kill King.

Investigators have been unable to find any trace of Raoul.

Prison Warden Stonney Lane disclosed Tuesday that when Ray was recaptured he had in his possession \$240 in cash and a four-inch-square scrap of a road map that covered section of the mountain area.

Lane said the relatively small amount of money Ray had with him "makes us believe he did not have outside help."

RAY HAD BEEN earning \$35 a month working in the prison laundry and "apparently has been hiding money for some time," Lane said. Inmates are allowed to have no more than \$70 at one time and

that anything more than that is kept in their prison account, from which they can make withdrawals if they run short.

The last of the six escapees to be recaptured, Douglas Shelton, was taken into custody by Sammy Joe Chapman, the dog handler who ran down Ray.

Shelton, serving a 98-year sentence for murder, assault and grand larceny, was recaptured about 9 a.m. Tuesday after he drove a stolen van down an embankment near Chapman's outpost in the mountainous area.

The captive Shelton leaves intact Brushy Mountain State Prison's record of an escape-proof maximum security institution. No one has succeeded in making good an escape from behind the walls.

HOWEVER, Tennessee Gov. Ray Blanton is fearful Ray may try again to escape and has asked President Carter to have Ray transferred to a federal prison.