

Martin Luther King shocker! Lawyer claims...

HIGH-TECH TESTS WILL CLEAR JAMES EARL RAY

New scientific tests will clear James Earl Ray in the murder of Martin Luther King Jr., vows Ray's lawyer — who claims he's also prepared to unmask the shadowy figure who did assassinate the civil rights leader.

Attorney William Pepper is asking a Tennessee court to allow him to test the rifle that Ray allegedly used to kill King. And he told The ENQUIRER in an exclusive interview: "This rifle was used to set up James — and nothing more!"

Ray pleaded guilty to being the triggerman in the April 4, 1968 assassination, and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. But he immediately recanted and claimed he was set up by a mystery man known only as Raul.

Ray claims he worked for Raul smuggling contraband across the Canadian and Mexican borders. He says Raul sent him to a gun shop in Birmingham, Ala., to purchase a hunting rifle, which Ray dropped off in Memphis, where King was murdered.

That rifle, bearing Ray's fingerprint, has been identified as the murder weapon.

"There's no doubt James' fingerprint was on the rifle — he admitted buying it!" Pepper told The ENQUIRER.

"But we've never been allowed to test the rifle. FBI

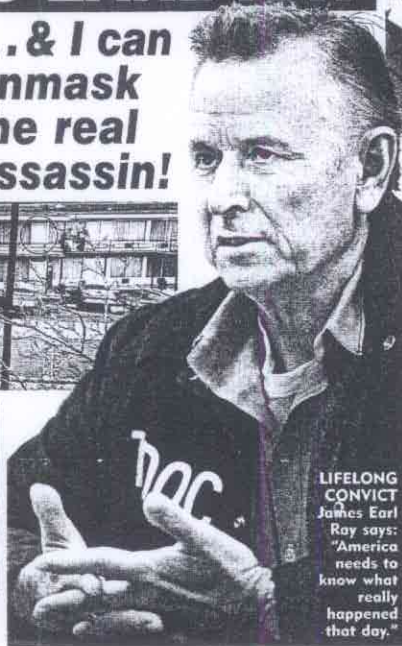
SNIPER'S-EYE VIEW: King was an easy target as he stood outside his Memphis motel room (circled).



GLEND A GRABOW (left) is one of four witnesses who can clear Ray, says attorney William Pepper (right).

tests of the gun in 1968 and a House Select Committee test both were inconclusive.

... & I can unmask the real assassin!



LIFELONG CONVICT James Earl Ray says: "America needs to know what really happened that day."

KING was gunned down on April 4, 1968, a photo line-up. One of those witnesses, Glenda Grabow of Booneville, Miss., told The ENQUIRER: "There's no question Raul exists. And there's no question in my mind he was directly involved in the murder of Martin Luther King. I know because he told me so!" Grabow says she met Raul in 1976 when he and others were involved in producing false ID cards and pornography.

"I had a little viewfinder attached to my keychain that had a picture of John F. Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King. Raul looked through the viewfinder and went insane, screaming: 'I killed that black SOB once and it looks like I'll have to do it again!' He threw the viewfinder on the floor and smashed it to pieces with his foot!"

Ray said: "I don't want to be known for eternity as the man who killed Martin Luther King. I didn't do it. America finally needs to know what really happened that day!"

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But today's high-tech testing will prove conclusively this rifle was not used in the murder."

Pepper believes Raul, the real assassin, was working with the mob, which was under contract from high-ranking military and government officials to kill King. But Ray has never been able to offer any evidence Raul actually existed.

Now for the first time, Pepper claims he has the proof.

He's racing to reopen the case before the ailing Ray, 68, dies from cirrhosis of the liver, and he's appealing for a liver donor so the lifelong convict can live long enough to clear his name.

"We now know Raul's last name and exactly where he lives

— neither of which I can reveal until I get him into court," said Pepper. "But I can tell you this: He is 62 years old, living in the Northeast with very little money in the bank."

Pepper also disclosed he has four witnesses who have known Raul and have independently picked him out of

Lyle still loves his 'Pretty Woman'

Wild-haired singer Lyle Lovett — who shocked the world by marrying sexy Julia Roberts only to see the marriage collapse in less than two years — says he's willing to do it again.

"I've been in serious relationships before, but I came to discover that's all very different from being married," says the 39-year-old country star. "It was a positive experience. I love her. And I'd do it

again." Lovett says he and Julia have remained good friends — and



Lyle and Julia

whenever he needs a second opinion on an idea, he always turns to the "Pretty Woman."