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Enclosed for the Bureau are 3 copies of an order entered 12/18/68 before Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE which order appoints the Public Defender of Shelby County to represent the subject, JAMES EARL RAY.

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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Division III

STATE OF TENNESSEE

vs.

NO. 16645, 16819

James Earl Ray
DEFENDANT

ORDER APPOINTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
OF SHELBY COUNTY TO REPRESENT DEFENDANT

Be it remembered that the Court has inquired of above defendant as to representation by counsel of own choice and employment, and the Court ascertained that the defendant is financially unable to employ counsel, and that it is incumbent upon the Court to appoint counsel to represent said defendant.

And the Court is, therefore, of the opinion that the Public Defender should be ordered to represent above named defendant.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the public Defender be and is ordered, either personally or through his deputy, to represent defendant in above captioned cause.

Enter this 18th day of December, 1968.

C. W. Preston Battle
JUDGE
CRIMINAL COURT, Division III
SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

George Stanton Jr
PUBLIC DEFENDER