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MEMPHIS, Tenn. AP - The extraordinary security arrangements which will surround the murder trial of James Earl Ray were previewed today as Ray appeared in court for his arraignment.

Everyone who entered the second-floor paneled courtroom of Judge Preston Battle was searched and recorded on sound and video tape. Aand any potential weapons-including nail clippers-were taken up by officers until the arraignment ended.

The arraignment had been set for 9:30 a.m., CDT, but because of the searches didn't get started until 9:57 a.m.

Newsmen who covered the arraignment had their identification checked and their names recorded by two officers on the ground floor of the Shelby County Office Building.

They were then permitted to climb interior stairs to the second floor and were guided into a room normally used by grand jury witnesses. There their names were again checked and in groups of 10 they were led to the hallway.

One by one they were called forward into a restroom for a personal search. All pockets were emptied and plain-clothed officers inspected the contents-even the interiors of the wallets and tobacco pouches.

Several nail clippers with fingernail files were turned up and these, along with several key rings holding small knives, were confiscated. They were returned to their owners after the arraignment.

Once the search was completed the newsmen went through another door where officers took names, address and home telephone numbers. These were recorded and the information was written on numbered name tags. The number was entered by the name on sheets kept by the officers.

One by one they went through a swinging door and stopped on a red line before a television camera. As the newsman held a board with a number on it, he was directed to look at the camera and give his name, address and organization he represented.

From there he was guided to the courtroom and to a seat in the spectator's section-a seat pointed out by an officer.

There were nearly a dozen officers in the courtroom, two with hand-held short-wave radios, and others remained in the hallway outside.

Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. said a similar procedure would be followed each day of the trial. And he said that the judge and all attorneys were subjected to basically the same thing.

"We have the judge right here on the tape, if you don't believe it," Morris said.

Ray was brought into the courtroom by Morris and two other officers for his 12-minute appearance. Ray's attorney, Arthur Hanes, entered pleas of innocent to two indictments-one charging murder and the other carrying a dangerous weapon.

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