

## RAY'S ATTORNEYS FAIL TO BLOCK TRIAL, WIN POINT ON EVIDENCE

<p>MEMPHIS (Tenn.) — (UPI) — Attorneys for James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, lost an appeal today to win freedom for their client but gained access to certain physical evidence in</p>	<p>the case. Judge W. Preston Battle, hearing a series of motions, granted a request by attorney Arthur Hanes Sr. and his lawyer son that they be allowed to examine evidence gathered by the state since</p>	<p>Dr. King was killed by a sniper's bullet April 4. At the same time Battle dismissed a motion to quash the murder indictment against Ray and ruled premature another motion to dismiss an indictment accus-</p>	<p>ing Ray of carrying a dangerous weapon. In permitting the defense access to physical evidence, Battle said Ray's side was entitled only to those records which the attorney general had in his possession. Assist-</p>
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<p>ant Attorney General James Beasley said he did not have the military records concerning Ray. The judge also exempted reports on ballistics and weapons tests and certain statements by witnesses.</p>	<p>Battle said the defense was entitled to examine any firearms, any bullet or portions of a bullet, shell casings, or any other material object found at the scene of the slaying. The judge said the defense</p>	<p>also should be permitted to hear a recording of police radio broadcasts immediately following the shooting.</p>
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