
New Trial For Ray Is Possible

Memphis, Tenn.

James Earl Ray could be returned here within two weeks for a hearing to establish whether he is entitled to a new trial in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A letter from Ray to criminal court Judge W. Preston Battle, coupled with Battle's death on Monday, raised questions that can only be answered in a judicial hearing with Ray present, a legal source said.

Judge Charles Galbreath of the State Court of Criminal Appeals said only a judge can determine whether the letter Ray wrote on March 26 constitutes a motion for a new trial.

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