

Lawyer, Writer Violated Rights, Ray Suit Alleges

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Attorneys for James Earl Ray, serving a 99-year sentence for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., filed an amended suit today charging Ray's civil rights were violated by two lawyers and a writer.

The suit was filed in U. S. District Court by Ray's latest lawyers, Robert W. Hill Jr. and J. B. Stoner.

Defendants named were Arthur Hanes, the first lawyer to take the Ray case; Percy Foreman, the lawyer who replaced Hanes and represented Ray when a guilty plea was entered, and William Bradford Huie, Ray's biographer.

THE LATEST petition amends a previous damage suit against the three. It charges the defendants entered into a conspiracy to violate Ray's civil rights and

cites a federal statute.

The earlier suit had charged that Hanes, Foreman and Huie profited unduly from publication rights to Ray's story and that the lawyers were looking out for their own monetary interests in the deal rather than for Ray's proper defense.

The amended petition asks that Hanes, Foreman and Huie be restrained from "further exposure of the alleged facts surrounding the slaying of Martin Luther King."

IT ALSO asks that any contracts, worth an estimated \$1 million, entered into between Ray and the three defendants be voided.

Ray is seeking to have his guilty plea and sentence set aside. King was shot to death in Memphis in April 1968.