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Dallas, Tex., Aug. 14 (AP)- Melvin Belli paid a surprise visit to condemned slayer Jack Ruby in the Dallas County jail late tonight.

Belli, the San Francisco lawyer who was chief defense attorney when Ruby was tried for the slaying of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, checked into a Fort Worth motel under an assumed name earlier tonight.


The visit in the Dallas County jail lasted about 30 minutes. Belli refused to give details of the visit to newsmen.

At the jail for the conference were several of Ruby's present attorney including Phil Burleson of Dallas.

Earlier at Fort Worth, Belli said he made the trip to Texas to confer with other attorneys on Ruby's appeal.

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Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 14 (AP)- Melvin Belli, the California attorney who was chief defense counsel at Jack Ruby's murder trial, visited Fort Worth tonight and registered under an assumed name.

Contacted by telephone, Belli said he was here "only to confer with Ruby's present attorneys on certain aspects of his appeal" to the state court of criminal appeals.

Ruby, who shot the addused slayer of President Kennedy in Dallas police headquarters on Nov. 24, was convicted of murder with Malice at his March trial in that city.

Belli was fired by Rub 's sisters and brother.

Belli denied that he would once more form part of the former nightclub operator's defense team.

"I haven't been invited to re-enter the case and I would refuse if I were," Belli declared. He said he was using an assumed name and staying here instead of Dallas "to avoid kicking up any stink."

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