

Brother Tells Ray's Love for Money

ST. LOUIS — (AP) — A brother of James Earl Ray, who is charged with murdering Dr. Martin Luther King, said yesterday he was "surprised" Ray was captured in London and added he hopes he "lives to stand trial."

"If my brother did kill King, he did it for a lot of money. He didn't do anything if it wasn't for money. And those who paid him won't want him sitting in a courtroom telling everything he knows," said John Larry Ray, 34, operator of a St. Louis tavern.

"If he does live to stand trial," John Ray said, "I would like to see him get the same sentence as the guy who killed Rockwell."

Ray insisted his 40-year-old brother is not a member of any racist group.

Ray said he did not know whether his brother did shoot Doctor King and added he could have been a fugitive for a simple reason.

"He still has 13 years waiting for him to do at Jefferson City, Mo., on the 20-year sentence for robbery. That's enough reason," Ray said.