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MEMPHIS, Tenn. AP - James Earl Ray-charged with murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.-is the same man arrested in London under the name of Ramon George Sneyd, his attorney admitted Monday. (22 July)

Arthur Hanes made the statement to reporters after Ray, 40, had pleaded innocent to a charge of murdering King. Ray will be tried Nov. 12 on a charge of murder-a trial which could last up to six weeks.

Hanes had never referred to his client as Ray until he met with newsmen after Monday's arraignment. And Ray, himself, had used the name Sneyd as recently as a week ago.

On July 19, while Ray was awaiting extradition from London, Hanes refused to tell the name of his client. "That is up to the prosecution to say," replied Hanes, a former mayor of Birmingham, Ala. "They made the charges and the allegations and they will have to establish his identity."

Asked then how he would address Ray, Hanes answered, "Buddy, or friend."

Ray, who has been identified as a Missouri prison escapee, was arrested at a London airport June 8-two months and four days after King was shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis motel.

British authorities charged Ray with entering the country under a forged passport and with carrying arms. The passport, they said, was issued to Ramon George Sneyd. Investigators speculated at that time that Ray had taken the name of a Canadian policeman.

When Ray waived extradition from London July 16, he called himself Ramon George Sneyd. And, in writing to a brother in Chicago, he signed the letter, "Lord R. G. Sneyd." John Ray said he considered the "lord" title his brother's idea of a joke.

Ray was arraigned Monday under extraordinary security, and after the 12-minute hearing was returned immediately to an air-conditioned four-cell suite on the third floor of Shelby County Jail.

Meanwhile, officials announced that Charles Q. Stephens, who is considered a key witness in the King shooting, is being held under \$100,000 bond.

Dist. Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale said Stephens, 46, is being held as a material witness. Stephens, who told police he saw a man run from a nearby rooming house seconds after King was shot, had been held for several days under voluntary protective custody.

Hanes, who has been provided a police bodyguard since he came to Memphis Friday night to defend Ray, left for Birmingham Monday after telling newsmen his wife had received several threatening telephone calls.

"I've not asked for a guard to be stationed at my home, but will do so if the threats get worse," the lawyer said.

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