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MEMPHIS, Tenn. AP - A bar association committee advised Judge Preston Battle today that statements attributed to an FBI fingerprint expert violated the judge's no-publicity order in the James Earl Ray case.

The statements, published in Wichita, Kan., dealt with fingerprints in the case against Ray, who goes on trial here Nov. 12 for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The charge against the FBI man, George Bonebrake, was contained in a supplemental report filed in the Criminal Court Clerk's office by the seven-man advisory group.

The committee said it planned to file a petition requiring Bonebrake to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court. However, since Bonebrake lives in Washington, D.C., outside the court's jurisdiction, the committee said it would send a copy of the petition to U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, along with a request that the FBI man submit himself for a voluntary court hearing.

The committee took exception to a story appearing Sept. 12 in the Wichita, Kan., Beacon in which Bonebrake commented on fingerprints connected with the Ray case.

Battle's order specifically prohibited out-of-court comments on the ~~andewhynansone~~ connected with the case-attorneys, investigators

Judge Battle recently held in contempt two newspaper reporters, Ray's attorney, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., and Renfro T. Hays, an investigator hired by Hanes. He said newspaper stories written by the reporters quoting Hanes and Hays violated his anti-publicity order. He withheld sentencing.

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