

## Ray Hearing Set May 26

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Judge Arthur Faquin Jr., today set May 26 to hear a motion by James Earl Ray for a new trial in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Robert K. Dwyer, executive assistant district attorney, said there is a strong possibility Ray himself will appear at the hearing.

The question of Ray's eligibility for a new trial is unclear under Tennessee law. Ray entered a guilty plea to King's murder on March 10 and was sentenced to 99 years in prison.

Normally, anyone who enters such a plea forfeits rights to appeals or new hearings, and Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle pointed that out to Ray on March 10.