

## Ray Held In Maximum Confinement

Petros, Tenn.

James Earl Ray, convicted killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., lost his "model prisoner" status and was ordered held in maximum confinement yesterday as a result of his abortive escape attempt.

Warden Robert Moore said Ray would be confined for 30 days to the maximum security disciplinary area of Brushy Mountain State Prison, and lose all privileges, including his relatively easy job in the mess hall.

The 43-year-old Ray, who has served two years of his 99-year sentence for the 1968 King slaying, was held in strict confinement and his movements monitored around the clock when first placed behind bars. Through exemplary conduct, however, he earned a less restricted life and lived in a cell block where the inner-prison doors were left open during certain hours of the day.

Monday, he gambled it all, and lost, when he tried to escape through a steam duct that leads under the prison wall.

Ray now faces the monotony of a small cell, and for the first 15 days will have no exercise privileges.

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