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TONAHILL--RUBY (250)

DALLAS, TEX., FEB. 17 (AP)-EVA GRANT, SISTER OF CONDEMNED SLAYER JACK RUBY, SAID TODAY RUBY HAS SIGNED A DOCUMENT CUTTING JASPER LAWYER JOE TONAHILL FROM ANY FURTHER CONNECTION IN THE CASE.

MISS GRANT SAID RUBY HAD FIRED TONAHILL LAST SUMMER "BUT HE JUST WOULDN'T GET OUT OF THE CASE. NOW HE'S OUT FOR GOOD."

SHE SAID TWO OF RUBY'S BROTHERS -- SAM RUBY OF DALLAS AND EARL RUBY OF DETROIT -- WENT TO THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL YESTERDAY AND JACK RUBY SIGNED THE DOCUMENT.

RUBY WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH LAST MARCH FOR KILLING LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THE SENTENCE HAS BEEN APPEALED AND WILL BE HEARD BEFORE THE TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS MARCH 10.

MISS GRANT SAID PHIL BURLESON OF DALLAS AND SOL DANN OF DETROIT WOULD BE RUBY'S ATTORNEYS IN THE FUTURE.

TONAHILL SAID HE WAS STAYING IN THE CASE.

"I CAN'T LEGALLY OR MORALLY QUIT HIM (RUBY). ANY DOCUMENT HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS GOT HIM TO SIGN IS WORTHLESS BECAUSE HE'S INSANE," HE SAID.

TONAHILL, ONE OF THE THREE LAWYERS WHO HANDLED THE ACTUAL RUBY MURDER TRIAL IN DALLAS, SAID RUBY SIGNED A DOCUMENT LAST MARCH SPECIFYING THAT HE (TONAHILL) WOULD STAY IN THE CASE THROUGH APPEALS.

"JACK WAS SANE WHEN HE SIGNED THAT DOCUMENT, SO IT'S VALID. THE ONE HE SIGNED YESTERDAY IS INCOMPETENT AND INVALID BECAUSE HE'S INSANE," TONAHILL SAID.

HE ADDED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE AUSTIN APPELLATE COURT ORDERING HIM TO BE PRESENT AND READY TO ARGUE THE APPEAL MARCH 10.

BURLESON SAID HE, TOO, PLANNED TO BE ON HAND AT THE COURT MARCH 10.

"I'M WORKING ON THE PAPER-WORK RIGHT NOW," HE SAID TODAY.

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