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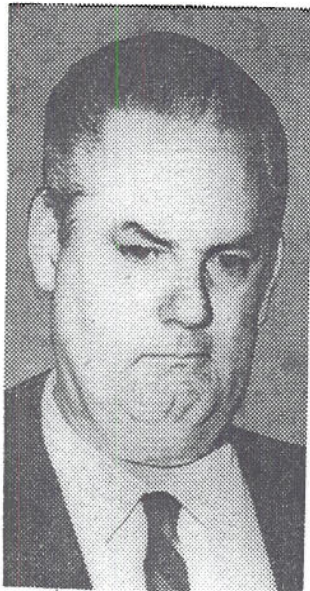
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Ruby was sentenced to death in the electric chair, but died of cancer last January while awaiting a new trial after his conviction was reversed and a second trial ordered.

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### Lawyer for Ruby Indicted On Tax Evasion Charges

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