

How Judge W. Preston Battle
Judge of the Criminal Court
Memphis Tennessee

I would respectfully request this court to treat this

letter as a legal notice, if an intent to act for a reversal
of the 99 year sentence petition received in aforementioned court
is indicated on one account of appeal, less only 30 days
was asked to file same matter to have previous sentence set
aside. That is the appeal route to which I address this court.

I also would like to bring to the attention of the honorable
court, that Mr. Perry Brown, the attorney who was
appointed to be representing me in this charge, still in
open court.

On that same day "Mr. Brown" was receiving no funds to
help pay for trial and he did not think he should
be required to pay his own funds, he requested court to
appoint counsel to help defray costs. The court appointed
public defender to represent me and later on, Brown
told Mr. Brown and my own case he did not intend
to appear at hearing, a court for his appeal.

I think from Mr. Perry Brown attempt to the press
that he had a contract from me and Mr. William K. Henry
"open entry" for \$100,000 and that he was never
to receive \$150,000, should try to suit the above
but on Mr. Brown told the court.

I, JAMES A. BLACKWELL, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DATE WHICH APPEARS AT THE TOP OF THIS LETTER, ON THE FIRST PAGE, WHICH HAS BEEN OBLITERATED BY PUNCHING THE HOLE FOR INSERTION OF THIS LETTER IN THE JACKET, IS 3-26-69.

J. A. BLACKWELL, CRIMINAL COURT CLERK

WITNESS *[Signature]* P.C.

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DATE *April 10 1969*

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J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY *[Signature]* D. G.

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*James Earl Ray
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Respectfully

*My only reason for buying the apartment for \$5
The location of the court is that a record is kept
There, that the court appoints a lawyer, on the other side
to assist me in the proceedings. I have a right to
see how a record is kept from any source to anyone
criminal.*

*Three (3) from E. by in long hand not printed records,
a cost from Mrs. William B. Hill.*