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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
Division III

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

NO. 16645  
No. 16819

JAMES EARL RAY,  
Defendant

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

TO

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COMMISSIONER

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of Shelby County, Tennessee, ~~xxx~~ Division III, at Memphis, in the manner  
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