MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1969

Court met pursuant to adjournment, the Hon. PERRY H. SELLERS, Judge of Division 1, presiding by interchange Thereupon the following proceedings were had to-wit

STATE OF TENNESSEE
VS B-16645
JAMES EARL RAY,
alias, ERIC STARVO GALT
alias, JOHN WILLARD
alias, HARVEY LOWMEYER
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MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Comes the Attorney General on the part of the State and the defendant in proper person and by counsel of record, Mr. Percy Foreman and Mr. Hugh Stanton, Sr. When to try the above cause there comes a jury of good and lawful men to-wit: AMOS G. BLACK, JR., JOHN W. BLACKWELL, JAMES N. ABRAHAM, ROBERT S. ST. PIERRE, MILLER WILLIAMSON, J. PAUL HOWARD, RICHARD LEE COUNSELLOUR, JOE STOVALL, JR., JAMES R. PATE, JOHNNY SHAW, GUS CARIOTA, AND JAMES W. BALLARD, who were sworn well and truly to try the issue of traverse herein joined, a true deliverance make and a true verdict render according to the law and evidence. Thereupon the defendant on being arraigned at the bar of the Court and charged on the bill of indictment plead GUILTY to same, and for his trial put himself upon the Country and the Attorney General doth the like. Thereupon the Court proceeds with the hearing of testimony in the above cause, and after completion of testimony of five witnesses, and a lengthy stipulated statement by Assistant Attorney General James Beasley, the Jury upon their oath do say: WE THE JURY FIND THE DEFENDANT JAMES EARL RAY GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS CHARGED IN THE INDICTMENT AND FIX HIS PUNISHMENT AT CONFINEMENT FOR NINETY-NINE (99) YEARS IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY AT NASHVILLE.

Thereupon the Court proceeds to pass sentence which is that he be taken by the Sheriff and remanded to Jail, and at the earliest convenience delivered to the WARDEN OF THE STATE PENITENTIARY, therein to be confined at hard labor for a period of NINETY NINE YEARS, and that he pay the cost of this prosecution for which let mittimus and execution issue. O/C 234 days Jail Credit.

Whereupon Court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

W. Preston Battle
JUDGE

MONDAY, MAY 26, 1969

Thereupon the Honorable Arthur C. Faquin, Jr., Judge of Division II, assumes the Bench by interchange; whereupon the following proceedings were had to-wit:

STATE OF TENNESSEE
VS B-16665
JAMES EARL RAY

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Comes the Attorney General on the part of the State and the defendant in proper person and by counsels of record, Mr. Richard Ryan, Mr. Robert Hill, & Mr. J. B. Stoner, whereupon there comes on to be heard the State's Motion to Strike the ~~pending~~ filed Motion for a New Trial in the above matter, and after a full hearing and arguments by the State and the Defense, it is ordered by the Court that the Motion to Strike is GRANTED, the Writ of Habeas Corpus heretofore issued is DISMISSED, and the defendant is remanded back to the State Penitentiary there to serve the remainder of the sentence heretofore imposed in the above cause on March 10, 1969. Order to be entered. To all of the above, the defendant noted his exceptions.

Whereupon Court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Arthur C. Faquin
JUDGE FAQUIN BY INTERCHANGE