IN THE CRIMINAL COURT
SHELBY COUNTY
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

JAMES E. RAY,
Petitioner

vs.

STATE OF TENNESSEE,
Respondent.

No. P-3623

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J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY [signature] D. C.

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNSEL

The petitioner, acting pro se, moves the court pursuant to T.C.A. § 40-3821 to appoint counsel in the enclosed petition for post-conviction relief. In support of the motion, the petition has enclosed an affidavit of indigency. In addition, because of the petitioner's confinement status, segregation, it would not be possible to research the necessary case law in the prison law library to support the petition for relief.

Respectfully submitted:

Petitioner James E Ray.

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to represent one, Charles Quitman Stephens, a material witness in the cause. And at issue in the petitioner's 'Third Ground for Relief in the enclosed post-conviction petition for relief.

5. If the Clerk of the criminal court for Shelby county does not have a copy of the transcript reflecting the proceedings in the preceding paragraph pertaining to the material witness hearing, then the court could through an order obtain a transcript of the proceeding from: the clerk of the circuit court for Shelby county, Tennessee, in case no. 13997 (August 1968), Charles Quitman Stephens v. Mark Luttrell, et al.

The petitioner had a third party purchase a segment of the aforementioned transcript, however, the circuit court clerk did not yield the complete transcript.

6. That segment of the transcript, and the tape recording or a transcription thereof, of the proceedings in Ray v. State, cause no. 16645, in the criminal court for Shelby county, Tennessee, held on March 10, 1969, reflecting whether or not the jury in the guilty plea therein by the petitioner set "the degree of homicide, and set the sentence." Both issues in the petitioner's ' seventh & eight ground for relief in the enclosed post-conviction petition for relief.

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