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Ray lawyer dismisses story of plot in Louisville to kill King

AP Wire Service

WASHINGTON — One of James Earl Ray's lawyers says this story that a plot was hatched in Louisville to kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is "a complete fabrication." He said he could be contacted "any time."

The lawyer, James H. Latta, said he was not even in the area of the assassination. He said the story was "a complete fabrication" and that he had no contact with anyone involved in the plot. He said the story was "a complete fabrication" and that he had no contact with anyone involved in the plot.

The report that Ray was involved in a plot to kill King was first reported by a Louisville newspaper. The report said that Ray had been seen in the area of the assassination and that he had been seen with a group of men who were planning to kill King.

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