

EX-FUGITIVES CAN'T MARRY, JUDGE RULES

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DAYTON -- (AP) -- A federal judge Wednesday denied permission to former fugitives **Alton Coleman** and Debra Brown to marry.

U.S. District Judge Walter Rice said he wanted no interference with the pair's trial on kidnapping charges in the July 16 abduction of Oline Carmical Jr., a college professor kidnapped from Lexington, Ky., and found unharmed in his car trunk in a Dayton park July 17.

Coleman and Brown made their request three weeks ago.

The trial is to start Monday.

"THE REQUEST of the defendants is denied. . . . Nothing must be allowed to detract from this court's obligation and ability to guarantee these defendants a fair trial under the law and the Constitution," Rice said.

When asked to elaborate on his decision, Rice said, "The business at hand is the trial of the defendants and nothing more."

Coleman, 28, and Brown, 21, both of Waukegan, Ill., are suspects in six states for robbery and murder. **Coleman** had been added to the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List before he and Brown were arrested July 20 in Evanston, Ill.

Their first trial is on the kidnapping charges. They also have been indicted in two Cincinnati area murders.

Rice did not rule on a request made three weeks ago to change the location of the kidnapping trial. He said he would wait to see whether an impartial jury can be chosen.

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