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# 11 jurors picked for Spence trial

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After three weeks of jury selection in the capital murder trial of David Wayne Spence, 11 jurors have been chosen. The trial is expected to last as long as three weeks.

Testimony in the trial, which is being held in Bryan on a change of venue, is scheduled to begin Oct. 7 in Judge W.T. (Tom) McDonald Jr.'s 85th District Court.

Jury selection is expected to be completed this week, but McDonald is scheduled to attend a judicial conference next

week, prompting the delay in the start of testimony.

Spence is being tried for the July 1982 stabbing death of Kenneth Franks. Franks was one of three teen-agers found dead at Speegleville Park on Lake Waco.

Seven jurors were selected during the first two weeks of jury selection which began on Sept. 3, and an additional four were selected last week. Three more are to be selected, as a total of 12 jurors and two alternates must be chosen before the trial begins.

More than 250 potential jurors re-

ported on the first day of jury selection. McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell and defense attorneys Walter Reeves of Waco and W.W. (Bill) Vance of Bryan are engaged in questioning of individual potential jurors.

Spence already has been convicted and sentenced to die for the murder of Jill Montgomery.

Miss Montgomery, Franks and Raylene Rice were discovered murdered at Lake Waco's Speegleville Park.

According to a scenario unveiled during previous trials, Muneer Mohammad Deeb hired Spence and brothers Anthony

and Gilbert Melendez to kill Franks and Deeb's former girlfriend, Gayle Kelly, so that Deeb could collect on a \$20,000 accidental death insurance policy.

But prosecutors believe Spence mistook Miss Montgomery for Miss Kelly on the night of the murders.

Deeb was convicted in the death of Miss Montgomery and sentenced to die during a trial in Cleburne in March.

The Melendez brothers pleaded guilty in the deaths of Miss Montgomery and Franks, and were each sentenced to two concurrent life prison terms.