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## Killings Admitted, Ex-Inmate Claims

WACO (AP) — Capital murder defendant David Wayne Spence said he forced a Waco youth to watch as he stabbed two Central Texas teen-age girls and sexually abused them with a wooden stick, a former jail inmate testified Monday.

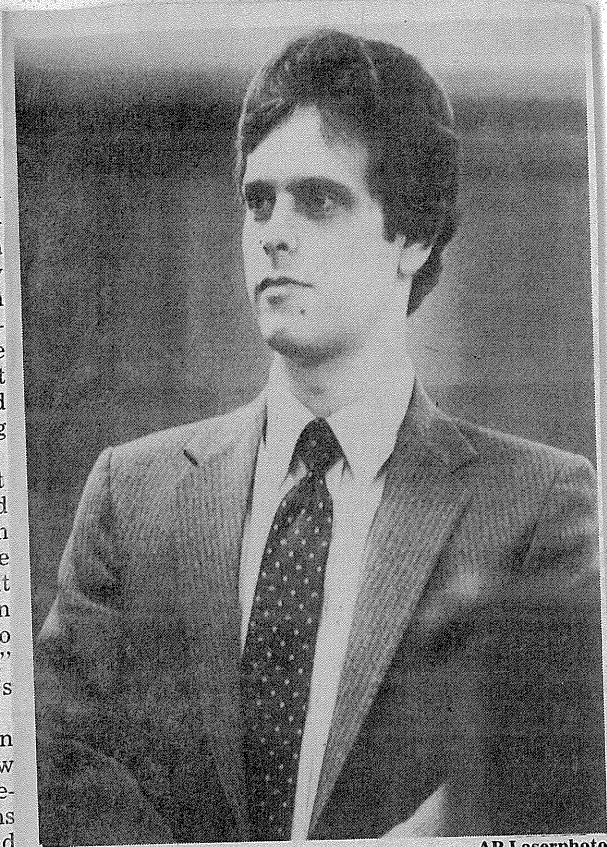
Daryl Beckham, who said he was recently paroled from a five-year sentence for forgery, told a state district court jury that Spence, 25, took credit for the triple killings at a park near Lake Waco on July 13, 1982.

**SPENCE IS** accused of the slayings of two Waxahachie girls, Raylene Rice and Jill Montgomery, and a Waco teen-ager, Kenneth Franks. He is on trial only in Ms. Montgomery's slaying.

Beckham said that during a December 1982 conversation with Spence in the McLennan County Jail, where both men were being held, the defendant told him that "he was the one who did it and that he was afraid that the police were going to find out about it."

Spence said that Muneer Mohammad Deeb, also charged with capital murder in the slayings, told him that Franks had "moved in on him and was trying to take over his woman," according to Beckham's testimony.

A prisoner who often gave legal help to fellow inmates at the Texas Department of Corrections Eastham Unit testified that Spence approached him for legal advice.



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David Wayne Spence At Trial