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# Probe in triple slaying continuing in California

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Two Waco police detectives in San Diego, Calif., to investigate a possible link between a former Waco man and the 1982 deaths of three teen-agers near Lake Waco are expected to remain in California until Friday, District Attorney Vic Feazell said Monday.

Feazell declined comment concerning the investigation by police Lt. Marvin Horton and Sgt. Dennis Baier, who flew to San Diego Wednesday to question James Russell Bishop, a former groundskeeper at McLennan Community College.

"I cannot comment on the investigation at this time," Feazell said. "We are not through with it. I don't mean to infer any kind of significance in that statement, but we intend to leave no stone unturned, whichever way the investigation takes us."

Police Chief Larry Scott said Monday afternoon that he has not heard from the detectives, but added they had planned to administer a polygraph test to Bishop Monday or Tuesday.

Feazell would not confirm or deny that Bishop had taken the test, but said he does not expect an arrest warrant to be issued for Bishop this week.

Bishop's court-appointed attorney Logan McKechnie declined comment on the investigation.

McKechnie was present Thursday and Friday when Horton and Baier interrogated Bishop, who has denied involvement in the July 13 stabbing deaths of Jill Montgomery, Raylene Rice and Kenneth Franks.

"Mr. Bishop is not our only suspect," Feazell said.

"Our investigation is just as intense in the other areas as it is in the direction of Mr. Bishop. We are investigating every possible avenue in this case."

Feazell said there were 13 suspects under investigation by police when he took office in January. That list since has been trimmed to four, he said.

Bishop, 27, is being held without bond in San Diego County Jail and faces a maximum prison term of 79

years after pleading guilty April 6 to nine felony counts in the attempted murder and sexual assault of two California high school girls. He is expected to be sentenced June 1.

Bishop moved from Waco to the San Diego area about two weeks after the triple homicides, police have said.