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Father of Deeb denies son's guilt.

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The father of Muneer Mohammad Deeb, the 24-year-old Jordanian national charged with capital murder in the 1982 stabbing deaths of three Central Texas teen-agers, said Tuesday he believes his son is innocent and that he will "find justice here in America."

Mohammad Deeb and his wife, Noor Deeb, are in the United States on a one-month visa to seek an attorney and "collect information" about their son's case.

The couple and their 10 children are natives of Jordan, but the family currently lives in Saudi Arabia, where Deeb works for IBM.

The younger Deeb is being held in the McLennan County Jail under bonds totaling \$600,000 in the July 1982 kidnapping and stabbing deaths of three Central Texas teen-agers.

The bodies of Kenneth Franks, 18, of Waco and Raylene Rice and Jill Montgomery, both 17 and of Waxahachie, were found July 14, 1982, in a secluded area of Speegleville Park. Deeb is one of four suspects indicted in the case.

"Myself, I am confident that my son is innocent," the elder Deeb said Tuesday while waiting to talk to 54th State District Judge George Allen. "I know my son. He lived with me for 19 years. I can't force anyone to believe this — everyone has his own opinion."

Deeb, saying he is a Moslem who believes in "all religions," said he believed American democracy would ensure his son will be treated fairly.

"In God we trust — like on the American coin," Deeb said, pulling out a pocket full of change.

Deeb and his wife, who wiped tears from her eyes several times during the interview, are staying in Dallas. He said they hope to contact several attorneys with the help of friends.

"There is a lawyer for my son," he said. "If a person is innocent, he doesn't need anyone to defend him. But it is better to have a lawyer. Within the law we are working."

The father, who emphasized several times he was "not criticizing anyone," said he did not understand why his son was arrested for the second time last month. "I would like to know what is going on," he said.

The younger Deeb, former co-owner of the Rainbow Drive Inn at 1423 Herring, was arrested Sept. 13, 1982, and charged with Franks' death. He was released from jail five days later after a three-hour polygraph test and questioning session.

Deeb said he understood his son has passed polygraph tests this year and

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□ From Page 1A last year and that his recent request to be hypnotized had been denied.

"Anyone with a mind would have some doubts (about his son's guilt)," Deeb said. "If my son had had some doubt about himself, he could have departed the country (after he was arrested last year)."

McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell said the results of a polygraph test taken by Deeb last year were "inconclusive" and that no polygraph test has been given this year. He said he had no knowledge of Deeb's request for hypnosis.

The elder Deeb said he has heard that several people whom he described as "witnesses" told authorities last year that Deeb stabbed the teen-agers. But this year, Deeb said, those same "witnesses" say his son "encouraged others to kill."

"Why believe these witnesses?" the father asked.

Feazell said that account was "not true. We're not relying on information from last year."

Deeb went to the district attorney's office Tuesday, but did not talk with Feazell after a staff member told him it was inappropriate for the district attorney to speak with him.

Deeb said he urged his son to move to Dallas last year after he was released from jail to avoid any more problems. The son came to the United States to study electronic technology and had entered two colleges in Dallas to finish his studies, he said.

The younger Deeb had attended Texas State Technical Institute sporadically for two years and had enrolled in McLennan Community College in 1982, but withdrew shortly thereafter.

"After completing two-thirds of the work, he has been stuck," Deeb said. "He wants his books to study in the jail. He is very eager to finish — he does not want to waste any time."