

Closing arguments due to start

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WACO, Texas (UPI) — Evidence of bite marks found on the body on a teenage girl was inconclusive, a dental specialist from Los Angeles testified in the capital murder trial of David Wayne Spence.

The defense rested its case Monday afternoon and closing arguments were scheduled to begin this morning. Attorneys predicted the case would go to the jury today.

Dr. Gerald Vale said the evidence he saw was of such poor quality he could not come to a conclusion on who might have made the bite marks found on the body of Jill Montgomery, 17.

The body of Miss Montgomery, who had been raped and stabbed, was found at a lake park near Waco in July 1982 along with the bodies of Raylene Rice, 17, and Kenneth Franks, 18.

Spence has been charged in all three slayings but is currently being tried only for Miss Montgomery's.

Vale testified the bite marks could have been made by more than one person and that many different people — not just Spence — could have similar bite patterns to those found on the bodies of Miss Montgomery and Miss Rice.

Prosecutors contend the three

teenagers were killed in a botched murder-for-hire when Spence mistook Miss Montgomery for another young woman he allegedly had been paid \$5,000 to kill.