

# Feazell Takes Stand In Austin

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McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell took the stand in his own behalf Monday morning during the pre-trial hearing on motions filed in the case U.S. Government versus Victor Fred Feazell.

Feazell has been indicted on charges of mail fraud and racketeering. He plead not guilty Monday in Austin.

The pre-trial hearing became even more limited as presiding Judge James Nowlin layed down the ground rules in Austin.

After hearing motions to quash subpoenas issued to Charles Duncan, Dallas Channel 8 reporter and Kelly Grinnell, KWTX Channel 10 reporter, Judge Nowlin restated to attorneys he was only going to hear the motion for change of venue and the motion to dismiss along with the amended motion to dismiss.

Nowlin quashed Duncan's subpoena and quashed all of the subpoena of Miss Grinnell with the exception of news tape which had been aired previously.

Judge Nowlin reminded the government and the defense attorney he would not allow his court to become a "circus" or allowed subpoenas for the purpose of getting names in the paper or to cause delays.

On the stand, Feazell, testified un-

der questing from defense attorney Gary Richardson, "Right now it is impossible for the trial to be in Austin. I live in Waco, I have to pay all the subpoenas and travel fees and overnight cost in some cases."

"What I have already paid for has exhausted my I.R.A.'s and DA pension funds," Feazell said.

LeRoy Morgan Jahn, assistant U.S. prosecutor from San Antonio, told the court Mr. Feazell could file an affidavit for indigent which would pay for his attorney investigators and other needs.

Feazell told the court he would estimate the cost of the trial if held in Austin could be between \$20,000 to \$100,000.

Following a break Nowlin said he would rule on the change of venue before the weekend.

Testifying Monday afternoon were Miss Grinnell, 54th State District Court Judge Allen and Clemmie Schroeder.

Judge Allen testified briefly regarding notes from a 1985 grand jury meeting in McLennan County.

Mrs. Schroeder, jail house religious figure, testified late Monday to her relationship with Henry Lee Lucas, so-called serial killer, while he was in the Williamson County jail. Mrs. Schroeder continued on the stand for the defense and was expected to be cross-examined before court ended for the day.