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## Grand jury probes Hewitt fire deaths

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A grand jury investigation into the August fire deaths of two Hewitt children began Thursday with testimony from five people.

The McLennan County grand jury, which is looking into the Aug. 26 deaths of Joby Graf, 9, and Jason Graf, 8, is scheduled to reconvene Wednesday.

The bodies of the Graf boys were found inside a fire-gutted shed behind their home at 505 Angel Fire Drive.

The five people who testified Thursday included Joseph Por-

ter, an arson investigator with the state fire marshal's office.

During an October fire inquest in Justice of the Peace John Cabaniss' court in Waco, Porter said he believed the Graf boys burned to death after being locked in the shed.

"There was an indication in the photographs that latching mechanisms were in a locked position," he said at the hearing.

During the October hearing, Porter listed three reasons he thinks it was arson. He said the position of the boys' bodies was

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"not consistent" with the normal patterns seen in similar fires; burn patterns on the shed's wood indicate accelerants were used; and the muffled explosion heard by neighbors soon after smoke was seen indicate the fire burned faster than it should have.

At the time of the fire, the boys' stepfather, Edward E. Graf Jr., was inside the house with another child, according to Hewitt Police Chief Jack Caswell.

Also testifying Thursday were Tom Luce-nay, chief of the Hewitt Volunteer Fire Department, Frank Latham, a detective with the Hewitt Police Department, J.C. Rappe, an investigator with the district attorney's office, and Jim Sutter.

The Graf boys' natural father, Jerry McGaughy, was present Thursday afternoon outside the closed grand jury room.

Deanna Fitzgerald, first assistant district attorney, said another 10 to 15 witnesses may testify when the grand jury continues its considerations.

Other indictments returned Thursday include:

• Billy Ray Blake, 22, of 2015 Sanger, and Alvin Roy Collins, 29, of 500 E. Interstate 35, No. 47, for murder.

Blake and Collins are accused of murder in the death of William Jones, 25, of 3705 Colcord Ave. Jones died Nov. 6 at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center. He had been shot once behind the right ear on Nov. 1.

Jones and his 21-year-old wife, Sharon, were shot while in bed. Police said an intruder kicked in the front door and went into the couple's bedroom.

He made them lie face-down and asked them for money and food stamps before shooting the couple, police said.

Mrs. Jones was injured when she was shot once behind the left ear, but she survived.

Charles Andrew Morrison, 50, 2307 Reuter Ave., No.

2, four counts of attempted murder.

Morrison is charged in the Oct. 31 shooting of a grandmother, mother and child.

According to police, the three were sitting in a vehicle parked in the driveway of their residence on North 13th Street when a man walked to the car from a neighbor's house and fired shots into the vehicle.

• Lisa L. Appel, 25, 2411 Grim Ave., theft of more than \$750.

• Michael Grady, 30, 1824 Primrose Drive, theft of more than \$750.

• Margaret B. Standifer, 51, 1223 Calumet Ave., theft of more than \$750.

• Catline Volneck, 40, Crawford, theft of more than \$750.

• Oscar Castaneda, 24, Fort Worth, possession of a controlled substance, cocaine.

• Belinda Billups Honey, 28, 1484 Fort Graham Road, robbery.

• Andre Laneer Mayes, 25, 402 Tyler St., burglary of a habitation.

• Apolinar Ayala Miranda, 20, 1216 Clay Ave., burglary of a motor vehicle.

• Theodis Willrich Jr., age and address unavailable, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• Rodney Nigel Howard, age and address unavailable, credit card abuse.

• Clifford Jones, age and address unavailable, failure to stop and render aid.

• Lisa Marie Truxillo, 25, 1401 Columbus Ave., robbery.

• Lonnie Gunn Jr., 26, 2012 N. Sixth St., indecency with a child.

• Robert Duryle Hill, 29, 219 Columbus Ave., indecency with a child.

• David T. Lang, 30, 1804 Seley St., three counts of indecency with a child.

• George Lee Jr., 46, 705 S. 12th St., credit card abuse.

• Everett Owen Finch, 64, Mexia, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

• Patrick Lynn Lucas, 17, 306 Kennedy Circle, unlawfully carrying a weapon on a prohibited premises, a school.

• Karen Ann Richards, 32, Los Angeles, possession of a controlled substance, cocaine.

• Craig B. Warsteade, no age available, Los Angeles, possession of a controlled substance, cocaine.

• David Earl Ellis, 27, 1914 Ethel Ave., burglary of a habitation.

• Rolando Oliva, 33, Dallas, unlawfully carrying a weapon on a licensed premise.