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Jury selection set in West killing trial

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Jury selection in the capital murder trial of a Cleburne man accused of killing West resident Melodie Bolton tentatively has been set for June 12.

State District Judge George Allen said Thursday he suggested the June 12 trial date for 27-year-old Clifton Eugene Belyeu, and attorneys representing both the state and Belyeu indicated they will be ready.

"If we don't go then, it will be right around then," Allen said.

Waco attorney Ken Ables, who was appointed by the court along with Waco attorney Fred Horner to represent Belyeu, said Thursday "we can be ready to go" on June 12.

Ables said although the district attorney's office has not supplied him with complete forensic test results, he expects the results will be ready for inspection within a few days.

McLennan County District At-

torney Vic Feazell said the state will be ready to begin the trial on June 12.

Last week, Allen rejected a defense motion asking that Belyeu's trial be moved out of McLennan County because of extensive pre-trial publicity.

After reviewing television and newspaper reports about the murder, Allen ruled that Belyeu's trial can be held in his 54th District Court.

Belyeu and Earnest Ray Moore, 21, are charged with killing Mrs. Bolton on Dec. 10, 1985, during what law enforcement authorities believe was a burglary of Mrs. Bolton's West residence.

Belyeu is being tried separately from Moore because Belyeu has a previous felony conviction and Moore does not.

Allen said he anticipates about 400 potential jurors will be summoned to the McLennan County Courthouse when the Belyeu trial begins.