

Spence confessed to all three murders, 436 according to jailmate

WACO (UPI) — Prosecutors in the trial of David Wayne Spence, accused of killing three teenagers, are expected to back with scientific evidence a convict's testimony that Spence left his teethmarks on one of the victims.

Jesse Haydon Ivy, serving 33 years in Texas prison for aggravated robbery, testified Monday that Spence told him he raped victim Jill Montgomery, 17, bit the nipple off her breast and slit her throat.

Ivy said Spence asked him "if his teeth could get him a conviction."

Later this week, the state is expected to introduce studies by Dr. Homer Campbell, a forensic dentist from Albuquerque, N.M.

Campbell is expected to give his expert opinion on whether Spence's teeth matched the bite marks.

In earlier testimony, a McLennan County inmate said Spence told him of stabbing three teenagers "trying to get them to shut up."

"The girls kept hollering and jerking," said Darrell Beckham, serving a 5-year sentence for forgery when he was placed in a cell with Spence.

"He (Spence) said he became like another person, and was possessed," said Beckham. "He kept stabbing them, trying to get them to shut up."

Franks, Miss Montgomery and Raylene Rice, 17, were found stabbed to death July 13, 1982, near Lake Waco.