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## 2 indicted in murder of West woman

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A McLennan County grand jury took about 30 minutes to review evidence Tuesday morning before returning capital murder indictments against two Cleburne men accused of killing a West woman during a burglary.

Clifton Eugene Belyeu, 27, and Earnest Ray Moore, 21, were each indicted on charges of capital murder for the slaying of 35-year-old Melodie Lundgren Bolton. If convicted, the men could be sentenced to death by injection.

McLennan County District Attorney

Vic Feazell and assistant prosecutors Ned Butler and David Deaconson began presenting the case to the grand jury around 9:20 a.m. By 10 a.m., jurors had voted to indict both men.

Sgt. Johnny Liendo and Deputy Truman Simons of the McLennan County Sheriff's Department testified before the grand jury.

Capt. Dan Weyenberg of the McLennan County Sheriff's Department said that Liendo, Simons and Sgt. Cal Luedke have been assigned to work on the Bolton homicide.

Weyenberg said that Deputy Don

Goates, Deputy Tillman Henderson and Sheriff Jack Harwell also have been working on the murder since the afternoon of Dec. 10, when West automobile dealer Jerrel Bolton found his wife dead in the bedroom of the couple's residence about three miles west of West.

Preliminary autopsy results indicate Mrs. Bolton was stabbed repeatedly and shot in the left temple with a shotgun during a random burglary.

The indictments now place the cases in the jurisdiction of 54th State District Judge George Allen. An examining hearing set for Friday by Justice of the

Peace David Pareya of West has been canceled.

Feazell said that Belyeu and Moore's court-appointed attorneys must now file a motion with Allen for a bond hearing. Pareya has ordered the pair held in McLennan County Jail without bond. They were arrested on Dec. 11, less than 12 hours after the murder.

It is also expected that defense lawyers will file a motion to separate the trials of the defendants. Belyeu has a prior felony conviction for a Collin County robbery.