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294 "60 Minutes" to Feature Texas DA Sunday Report

WACO - The Central Texas District Attorney who uncovered the Henry Lee Lucas confession fraud and in turn became the target of a state and federal investigation himself, will be the subject of a CBS-TV "60 Minutes" report this Sunday evening, Dec. 29, at 6 p.m.

Vic Feazell, district attorney of McLennan County, launched an investigation into the confessions of self-professed mass murderer

Henry Lee Lucas in late 1984. Feazell's investigation of Lucas angered the Texas Rangers which had assigned a special task force to assist Lucas in his hundreds of confessions throughout the country. Soon after Feazell officially began his Lucas investigation, the Department of Public Safety and the FBI began an investigation into Feazell. Col. Jim Adams, who heads the DPS and the Texas Rangers and is the former associate director of the FBI under J. Edgar Hoover, ordered the DPS investigation of Feazell.

CBS News Correspondent Harry Reasoner spent several weeks in Texas researching the Feazell story, along with a crew from "60 Minutes" during September and October. The "60 Minutes" report is believed to deal with the connection between Feazell's Lucas investigation and the subsequent state and federal investigations into Feazell. Feazell has called the DPS and FBI investigations retaliation for his "stepping on the wrong toes."

The 34-year-old Feazell, who was elected to public office for the first time as district attorney in McLennan County in 1982, launched a grand jury investigation in April to investigate Lucas confessions in his county. Attorney General Jim Mattox assisted Feazell in the investigation which concluded that Lucas could not have committed the three McLennan County murders to which he confessed. Attorney General Mattox is presently preparing a report on the Lucas probe which is expected to present evidence that Lucas could not have committed the hundreds of murders to which he, with the assistance of the Special Texas Rangers Task Force, confessed.

Both Feazell and Mattox have characterized the DPS and federal investigation as "retaliatory" in response to Feazell's investigation into the Rangers' mishandling of the Lucas confessions.

Feazell and his wife Berni were interviewed by Reasoner about the DPS and FBI investigations. Feazell and his wife told Reasoner that their telephone has been illegally wiretapped, that they have both been followed and that their son's dog had been poisoned.