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'60 Minutes'
interviews
Vic Feazell

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A producer with the CBS News program "60 Minutes" is in Waco, and has interviewed McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell, said John Ben Sutter, Feazell's administrative assistant.

Sutter said Jim Jackson contacted Feazell over the weekend while Feazell was home from Bryan, where he is selecting a jury in the capital-murder trial of David Wayne Spence.

Harry Reasoner, a newsman with "60 Minutes," has interviewed Nancy Shaw, the mother of Jill Montgomery, one of three teenagers found stabbed to death at a park at Lake Waco in 1982.

Spence was sentenced to death last year in Waco in Miss Montgomery's death. He is on trial in Bryan in the death of Kenneth Franks, who, with Raylene Rice, was killed with Miss Montgomery.

Sutter declined to reveal the topic of the interview with Feazell, but said, "I would think it would include Henry Lee Lucas, along with everything else." He would not

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elaborate.

Mrs. Shaw said Reasoner interviewed her for two hours Monday afternoon at her sister's house in Waxahachie about the role she has been playing concerning her pursuit of "justice" in her daughter's death, her support of Fezell and his involvement in the Lucas investigation.

"I had sent them some information, some news clippings from the *Waco Tribune-Herald* and from some of the Dallas papers about the whole Lucas investigation," Mrs. Shaw said.

"My role in it is justice — and what a tough battle we have fought to get it — justice for the murderer of the kids. Even though we fought hard for it, there are some people who are more than willing to attempt to take it away," she said.

Mrs. Shaw has been a vocal supporter of Fezell and testified at the first Spence trial and at the trial of Muneer Mohamad Deeb in Cleburne. Deeb also was sentenced to die by injection for his role in her daughter's death.

"(Reasoner) is very much a gentleman, and they seemed very willing to listen with intense, clear minds," Mrs. Shaw said. Reasoner told Mrs. Shaw that the segment on Fezell and Lucas would air probably sometime between mid-November and the end of the year, she said.

Attempts to contact Jackson and Reasoner Monday were unsuccessful. Reasoner was reported seen having lunch Monday at the Sheraton Inn at Fourth and Interstate 35 and filming near the Sus-



Reasoner



Fezell



Adams



Lucas

pension Bridge across Lake Brazos.

A spokeswoman for "60 Minutes" in New York said CBS News has a policy not to detail what stories "60 Minutes" is working on. She said she did not know whether a "60 Minutes" crew was in Waco, adding that there was no way for her to find out.

Sutter said, "If '60 Minutes' plans to tell the truth, and it is in their tradition to be forthright and complete and truthful, then it will be, I think, favorable to the district attorney, simply because the truth will back him up."

Since calling a special investigation to review confessions from Lucas to three McLennan County homicides, Fezell reportedly has been the subject of separate investigations by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Rang-

ers, the FBI and a federal grand jury in Austin for alleged misconduct in office.

Fezell also was the subject of numerous critical reports broadcast by WFAA-TV (Channel 8) in Dallas, which alleged preferential treatment of some people charged with driving while intoxicated.

Fezell has said all the investigations were instigated after he began his investigation of Lucas who eventually was no-billed by the grand jury, indicating the jurors did not think there was enough evidence to take Lucas to trial in the homicides.

Lucas had claimed responsibility for as many as 600 murders nationwide. While in Waco for the McLennan County grand jury investigation between April and June, he recanted, saying he was responsible for only one death — that of his mother.

The Texas Rangers, a branch of the DPS, have had a task force coordinating investigations of Lucas by law-enforcement agencies nationwide, and the Ranger have attributed 189 murders to Lucas.

The DPS and FBI investigation were in retaliation because Fezell embarrassed some of the "big boys" in Texas law enforcement through the grand jury investigation, Fezell has said.

Representatives of "60 Minutes" contacted Col. Jim Adams, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, late last week, said David Wells, a DPS spokesman in Austin.

"It's their deal, you'll have to talk to them," Wells said when asked the subject of the call. "I'm not going to go any further."