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Fezell subpoenas police chief

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With one defendant in the March 1986 death of Juanita White serving a life sentence and the second scheduled to stand trial Nov. 30, a McLennan County grand jury spent most of the day Thursday discussing the case with Waco police officials and members of the McLennan County district attorney's office.

Waco Police Chief Larry Scott and Detective Jan Price were subpoenaed Wednesday by District Attorney Vic Fezell to bring all records, reports, tape recordings, personal notes and other items pertaining to the investigation into White's death to the grand jury chambers.

Fezell would not discuss why he summoned Scott and Price to

the grand jury, citing the confidentiality of grand jury proceedings. He declined to say if his office has launched an investigation relating to the investigation of the murder case.

Fezell was accompanied into the grand jury chambers by assistants Karen Amos and Scott Peterson who prosecuted Williams and will prosecute Washington.

Mrs. White was found beaten, strangled and sexually assaulted at her home at 1901 N. 15th St.

Joe Sidney Williams Jr., 19, was convicted of capital murder in September in her death and sentenced to life in prison.

Williams' co-defendant, Calvin Edward Washington, 31, is scheduled to go on trial after the Thanksgiving holidays.

Scott, who pulled the subpoena

out of his coat pocket when asked what he was doing outside the grand jury chambers, also declined comment on the proceedings. He would say he does not expect "anything to come from it."

Price, who was lead investigator in the homicide, and Waco attorney Rod Goble, who said he was asked by Price and Scott "to assist, if necessary," also declined comment after coming out of chambers. Chuck Karakashion, the new Waco police legal adviser, also accompanied Scott and Price to the courthouse.

Waco attorneys Doug Henager, Ken Ables and Ken Crow, who are representing Washington, said Thursday they were unaware that the grand jury was reviewing the case.