

# "I Bit Her Nipple Off," Spence Tells TDC Inmate

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Former and current jail mates of David Wayne Spence continued to give testimony in 54th District Court Monday.

Spence is being tried for the July 13 murder of Jill Montgomery of Waxahachie. He has been charged with the deaths of Raylene Rice also of Waxahachie and Kenneth Franks, 18 of Waco. All three were apparently abducted from Koehne Park, a popular gathering spot for Waco teenagers before the city took action to close the park following the murders commonly referred to as the 'lake murders.'

Robert Snelson, a TDC inmate with the reputation of a writ writer, testified Monday afternoon, that Spence told him, "I was

kissing her all over her body and got so excited I bit her nipple off."

Testimony presented by the state last week, by a Dallas Forensic Laboratory specialist indicated one of Jill Montgomery's nipple had been bitten off.

Snelson, who did not know Spence, was approached by Jessie Ivey, another Monday afternoon witness about Spence's case and was asked to help him.

Snelson, Ivey and Spence were all inmates of the Easton Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections.

Ivey testified Spence told him he was guilty but that 'dead people couldn't talk.'

He also told Ivey that 'the dude', Kenneth Franks, was tied up and had to watch the girls being assaulted and stabbed.

Spence ask me if he could be convicted from teeth marks and I told him, 'hell yes,' that teethmarks were like fingerprints," Ivey said.

Ivey also said Spence told him the girls were tied up after they were raped and then killed.

"I stabbed that bitch in the throat, Spence told me," Ivey told the jury of eight women and four men.

Testifying on Friday and Monday morning were inmates who had been in

McLennan County Jail with Spence.

Testifying Friday were David Puryear and former inmates James Jordan and Jerry Jennings.

All of the inmates testifying have under oath sworn they have not been promised anything by the state for their testimony.

Gayle Kelly, the alleged victim of the murder-for-hire case, took the stand Thursday and told the jury she did not know what she was signing when Muneer Mohammad Deeb ask her to sign some insurance papers.

The state has alleged that Deeb took out a \$20,000 life insurance policy on the life of Ms. Kelly, a former Methodist Home resident, who was to go to work at the Rainbow Drive-In which is located across the street from the home.

Prosecutors stated when indictments were returned against Spence, Deeb and brothers Anthony Melendez and Gilbert Melendez that the the three teenagers killed were killed by mistake. That Deeb had hired Spence for \$5,000 to kill Ms. Kelly who he allegedly had a crush on.

Deeb and Franks couldn't stand each other, Ms. Kelly testified Thursday. Franks, who she said was like a brother to her did not like Deeb selling marijuana to 11 and 12

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year-old girls from the home.

The eight-months pregnant woman told jurors how the apartment who was sharing with another girl had been broken into twice. Once the apartment was ransacked and all of the knives were left on the kitchen counter in a line. The second time she said there appeared to be red soda pop on the front door and only the bed was messed up.

Ms. Kelly testified that Deeb had rented an apartment for her but she only stayed there about two nights before moving in with her friend. She told the jury she thought the break-ins were connected with her roommate because she was in seclusion after her friend was killed at the park and no one knew where she was.

The last time she saw Franks, was the day he was killed when he came to the fence at the home and called to her. She told the jury she was grounded at the home because she had runaway. Deeb had taken her to Dallas when she ran away, testimony revealed.

"I would have been at the lake with Kenneth, if I had not been grounded," she told the jury.

Monday morning testimony revealed that Spence was 'obsessed' with watching the show 'Three's Company' on the jail television.

Darryl Beckham, an inmate, told of Spence standing in front of the television, watching the show with his hands in his pockets apparently playing with himself and shaking his leg.

Charles Wayne Sypho testified that Spence stood about 18 inches from the television watching the show and that his leg was shaking but he did not see his hands in his pockets.

Sypho also testified that he heard Spence tell inmate Jordan, "I can see the place where those kids were killed."

Sypho said Spence began rattling the cell doors and said he wanted to use the phone when Jordan told him he could have his phone time the next day.

"Spence went on to say, I know Speegleville Park like the back of my hand and I can see the expression on the girls face I killed, she was a fine b----- and a good f-----."

"She had reddish brown hair and was 5 feet seven inches tall and weighed about 120 pounds," Sypho said he heard Spence tell Jordan. "He was upset," Sypho said and told Jordan that his old lady, Christie, had a watch and ring resembling those worn by one of the kids and he hoped she did not wear them when she came to see him, "someone might think they belonged to the kid."

Kevin Michael, another inmate was questioned by Judge George Allen and state attorneys Vic Feazell and Ned Butler and defense court-appointed attorneys Hayes Fuller and Russ Hunt, but he did not testify before the jury.

All of the inmates were questioned by the attor-

neys prior to being heard by the jury.

Testimony is to resume at 9 a.m. today in 54th State District Court.