

2 enter pleas of innocent in Waco death

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Two men accused in the March 1986 murder of Juanita White pleaded not guilty Friday in Waco's 54th District Court.

Mrs. White, 54, of 1901 N. 15th St., was found dead in her home March 2. An autopsy indicated she had been beaten and choked.

She was the mother of David Wayne Spence, who was convicted of capital murder in a 1982 triple murder case at Lake Waco.

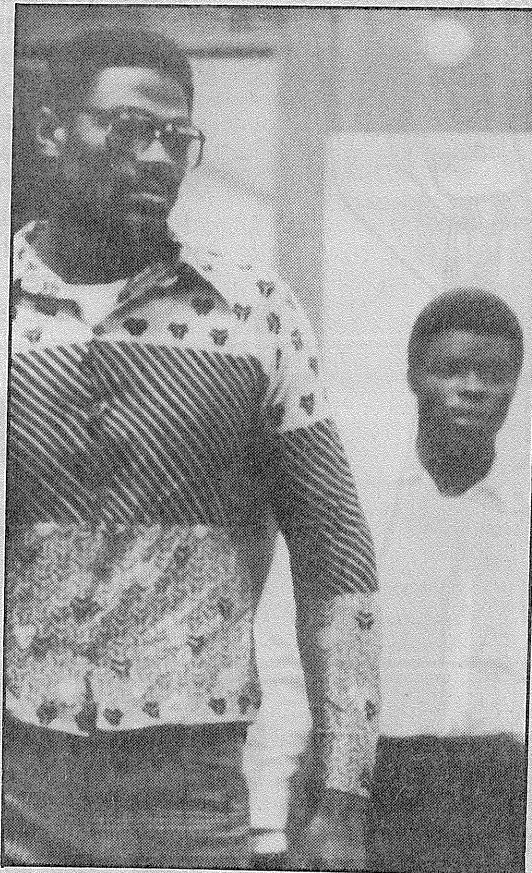
Calvin Earl Washington, 30, and Joe Sidney Williams, 19, pleaded not guilty to the murder of Mrs. White during a pretrial hearing.

Judge George Allen said he intends for Washington and Williams to be tried together.

The date of jury selection will depend on the starting date of another capital murder trial, Allen said. The trial of Washington and Williams could begin April 6 or May 11.

During Friday's hearing, McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell said testimony

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Staff photo — Rod Aydelotte

Calvin Earl Washington (left) and Joe Sidney Williams at pretrial hearing

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about bite marks on Mrs. White's body may be used against Williams and Washington.

Feazell said a bite mark impression had been obtained from the body of Mrs. White. He said forensic odontologist Dr. Homer Campbell is scheduled to testify as an expert witness in the trial.

Campbell also testified in the Spence trials. He said teeth marks found on the bodies of two girls murdered at Lake Waco in 1982 matched the teeth impressions of Spence.

On Friday, Allen considered pretrial motions filed by Rick Bostwick on behalf of Williams and by Doug Henager on behalf of Washington. Bostwick and Henager

were appointed by Allen to represent the defendants.

Both attorneys received permission to hire a private investigator to aid in preparing the defense.

Allen ordered the state to provide the defense with a list of all witnesses scheduled to testify in the trial. The list is due Feb. 16.

Feazell said evidence including fingerprints, palmprints or footprints will be used in the trial.

A McLennan County grand jury indicted Washington and Williams for capital murder in July.

They were indicted for murder committed while in the course of committing burglary and sexual assault, Feazell said.

Capital murder carries a maximum penalty of death by injection or life imprisonment.