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Secretary is 8th juror in Spence trial

A 37-year-old Waco legal secretary was selected Friday as the eighth juror for the David Wayne Spence capital murder trial.

Prosecutors and court-appointed defense attorneys questioned four potential witnesses Friday. Twenty-nine people have been interviewed since jury selection began May 23.

One juror questioned Friday, a 46-year-old schoolteacher, was dismissed by the state because he said he is opposed to the death penalty.

Others interviewed Friday included a 59-year-old homemaker, who was excused be-

cause she said she could not be a fair juror because she had read too much about the case; and a 47-year-old unemployed carpenter, who was dismissed by the prosecution.

Spence, 25, who is charged with three counts of capital murder in the July 1982 Lake Waco slaying of three teen-agers, will be tried first for the death of Jill Montgomery, 17.

Raylene Rice, 17, and Kenneth Franks, 18, also were stabbed to death in the incident.

Prosecutors Vic Feazell and Ned Butler

have used four of their 15 peremptory strikes to dismiss jurors. Defense attorneys Russ Hunt and Hayes Fuller have used one.

Other jurors selected include a 63-year-old Baylor University psychology professor; a 21-year-old substitute teacher; a 35-year-old staff recruiter at Texas State Technical Institute; a 58-year-old registered nurse at the Waco Veterans Administration Medical Center; a 47-year-old Hewitt city secretary; a 58-year-old retired U.S. Air Force major; and a 27-year-old credit manager at Nash-Robinson & Co. Wholesalers.



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