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# Lawyer to ask court to lower Deeb's bond

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A request to reduce the bond of Mu-neer Mohammad Deeb, who was charged Monday with capital murder in the 1982 stabbing death of a Waco teen-ager, tentatively has been scheduled for a hearing Tuesday in 54th State District Court.

Deeb, a 24-year-old Jordanian national, was arrested Monday and charged in the death of Kenneth Franks, one of three teen-agers stabbed to death in June 1982 near Lake Waco.

Deeb is being held in the McLennan County Jail under \$250,000 bond, set by Justice of the Peace John Cabaniss.

Michael Preston, a spokesman for Dallas attorney William L. Garrett, Tuesday requested that 54th State District Judge George Allen hold a bond reduction hearing. The hearing was set tentatively for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, although an application for a writ of habeas corpus has yet to be filed with the court.

A writ of habeas corpus seeks the release of a prisoner being held unconstitutionally.

Garrett could not be reached for

comment Tuesday. Preston said Garrett is Deeb's attorney of record only for the bond reduction hearing, adding that Garrett "will not necessarily" represent Deeb after the hearing.

Preston said he did not know on what grounds the bond would be appealed or what Garrett will request as proper bond for his client.

Deeb, who currently lives in Dallas, was charged with murder in Franks' death in September 1982, but was released after passing a polygraph test.

At that time, he was co-owner of the Rainbow Drive Inn at 1423 Herring.

A McLennan County grand jury is expected to hear evidence later this week or early next week against other suspects in the deaths of Franks, 18, of Waco, and Jill Montgomery and Raylene Rice, both 17 and of Waxahachie. McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell said.

The youths' bodies were found in a secluded area of Speegleville Park on June 14, 1982. The victims had been bound and stabbed repeatedly and the girls had been sexually abused, according to autopsy reports.