

# Kidnap trial continues, defense rests its case

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**GALVESTON** — The state rested its case Monday against a Conroe man who is on trial for burying his former employer's son alive to extort \$75,000 from the family.  
 Ronald Floyd White, 39, an electrical engineer from Conroe, was identified during the first week of the trial as the man who kidnapped Michael Baucom, 21, of Santa Fe, Texas. Baucom described for the jury how he was buried in a shallow

grave inside a makeshift plywood box and left for several days with a small amount of water and bread.  
 Baucom testified that associates of White left him in the box, which was rigged with a pipe for breathing.  
 The defense was expected to begin its case in the afternoon.  
 The state's final two witnesses, Coby Hamilton, 28, of New Caney, and Robert Cameron of Bay City, took the stand and identified White as the man who

kidnapped them during a bizarre escape attempt across South Texas last September.  
 Camerson testified White talked of the burial and of the alleged extortion try from Baucom's father, a Texas City electronics store owner who had employed White.  
 "He said he kidnapped him and buried him in a shallow grave," Camerson said. "He said he had a \$75,000 ransom."  
 No one was harmed.

Previously, both men told authorities they were locked in the trunk of White's car but managed to escape while White left the auto. White was arrested after a 100 mph chase on roads in the Rio Grande Valley.

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 The resolution tentatively approved at the Kansas group's annual convention, will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau meeting Jan. 10-12 in Orlando, Fla. The Kansas group was expected to take final action on its resolutions Tuesday.  
 "Fifty years of experimentation with short-term, short-sighted, politically motivated agricultural and food legislation should provide sufficient evidence that a long-range policy for U.S. agriculture is absolutely essential," the resolution stated.  
 Such a policy would allow farmers to take maximum advantage of market opportunities at home and abroad without government intervention, it said.  
 The resolution approved by the state farm bureau seeks immediate action by the president "to elevate the farm policy de-

bate above partisanship and beyond the next election."  
 It also proposes the creation of a National Commission on Agriculture and Food Policy, which Gov. John Carlin's task force on agriculture suggested during the summer. The Mid-  
 um on agricultural ex- only serve to inhibit food duction, reduce farm an- antagonize foreign cus- contribute to U.S. bal- payment deficits (and) in- flation," the tentative re- said.  
 The farm bureau, however, that if a trade or restrictions were im- cause of national secu- foreign policy reason- should apply to all tra- nology and exchanges. any embargo should have consent of Congress, it  
 Another resolution the development of an re- duction program which be triggered when carry- either wheat or feed gr- ceeded 3 percent to 5 per- annual world utilization.  
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