

Hearing Tuesday In Isabella Death

Next Tuesday at 11 a.m., has been selected as the date for a preliminary hearing on a murder charge against Theodore Vance, 40, of House 251, Isabella.

A general charge of murder has been filed against Vance in connection with the death of James Harrison Dugan, House 212, Isabella, who died early Tuesday morning in a barroom fight.

The hearing will be held in the office of Justice of the Peace Oliver Battaglini of LaBelle. Vance was arraigned before Battaglini yesterday.

State Police said Vance and Dugan got into an altercation at Schubert's Tavern in Isabella and Vance struck the victim in the face with his fist.

Dugan was taken to Brownsville General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival at 2:30 a.m.

An autopsy was conducted on Dugan last evening at the Kisinger Funeral Home in Brownsville.

Fayette County Deputy Coroner Carlo Marucci of Republic said additional laboratory tests are needed to determine the cause of death. A report will be made to County Coroner W. Ralston McGee.

"Vance was silent at the hearing," Justice of the Peace Battaglini said.

Vance, who is currently in the Fayette County Jail, did talk to



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troopers prior to the hearing, Battaglini added.

Dugan, who was born in Masontown, is survived by his wife, Lorraine Perkins Dugan; following children, Shirley, at home; Mrs. Beverly Glai, Fellsburg; Mrs. Laverne Mathews, California; Mrs. Sandra Gazella, Cleveland, Ohio; James Dugan II, Isabella.

The victim was preceded in death by his first wife, Mildred O'Neal Dugan on Jan. 4, 1968.

Friends will be received in the J. W. Kisinger Funeral Home, 515 Front St., after 7 p.m. today and until Saturday at 1 p.m., the hour of service.

James H. Dugan killed in tavern fight

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