Joyner dismisses attorneys, defends himself

from staff and wire reports

GREENVILLE - The retrial of a Columbia man charged in the 1984 rape and murder of 20-year-old Barbara J. "Bobbi" Ross, a USC nursing student, began Monday with the defendant deciding to represent himself.

Benjamin Anthony Joyner on Monday dismissed his court-appointed attorneys, Jack Swenick and John Burnell. Both attorneys, however, remained in the courtroom to offer procedural advice if needed.

"They wouldn't be good for me anyway, so I might as well represent myself," said Joyner, whose trial was moved from Richland County to Greenville County because of publicity surrounding the case.

Joyner did not seek advice and did not oppose selection of potential jurors. The defendant also declined to make an opening statement to the jury and did not cross-examine any of the state's first witnesses.

Joyner is being retried on charges of murder, kidnap and sexual battery involving grand larceny of a motor vehicle and conspiracy in the death of Ross.

Ross was last seen alive at Woodhill Mall Sept. 17, 1984. A day after she was abducted, killed and raped.

A search, conducted by using state, federal and local law enforcement with the help of the and surrounding counties, found the body in a wooded area about 12 miles from campus.

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In his opening statement Monday, Solicitor Scott Anderson outlined the events surrounding Ross's death and said the case would last Joyner to the jury.

Anne Marie Ross, the victim's mother, was the first to testify, followed by her daughter, Terry, and Winston.

The two identified the photographs of the victim, her car and a discarded dress given to the victim by her father, Ray Ross.

Mr. Ross is isbited in and publisher for Greens Against Violence, a group that lobbies the state's rights and police reform.

Dr. Joe Deblinger, a forensic psychiatrist, and Mark Balarec, an FBI agent who works on the FBI lab in Washington, also testified Monday.

Sexton identified the bullet removed from the victim's body and the fireshoe, blue jeans and bra she was wearing when found three days after her murder.

Balarec testified that Ross's blood typed with the victim's was found in the victim's car. The same sample of blood was also found in the victim's car.

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Not all Baptists protesting visit of pope

By AMANDA F. COLLINS

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Recent reports saying a large group of Baptists in- tend to protest the upcoming visit of the pope are misleading, according to Jim Harrell of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Harrell, president of the group, said the Baptists in the area are not fighting to "establish, the Southern Baptist and the Independent Baptist. It is the a Baptist church that are protesting the visit, he said.

The Baptists, who are protesting intend to spend $20,000 to purchase 50 billboards, Harrell said, as well as an additional $3,000 to have posters printed.

Harrell said he is in agreement with the pope's plan to visit the United States.

"I'm pleased to see this year of spiritual emphasis at USC," he said. "I thought that Billy Graham was delivered a true message, and I hope we can do the same thing that the pope can do for the actions of the individual members of the church."

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Harrell admitted that the organization is not planning anything to protest for the pope's visit, but he is unable to comment on the actions of the individual members of the church.

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