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Jail term handed woman in . . .

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Michael, who have been charged in the murder-kidnap case.

Wyman said he planned to appeal the case. But Newhouse denied his request to allow Iwakiri to remain out of custody until then.

After the hearing, Iwakiri was taken to county jail pending being sent to a special section of the state prison in Boise for a 120-day evaluation.

Wyman said that at the end of Iwakiri's 120 days, the court can either release her on probation, extend the evaluation time for 60 more days or order her to be placed in the penitentiary to serve her sentence.

"What do we gain by putting her in jail or the penitentiary?" Wyman asked during Friday's hearing. "That she will talk? Tell us where the girls are? If you believe that, you must believe in all kinds of fairy tales."

Newhouse said the case was one of the "harder cases I've had to sentence."

But he told Iwakiri, "The jury told me that you willfully concealed a minor child and that when you got on the stand to testify, you lied about it. This particular crime is an affront to society"

Brandi and Tiffani, now ages 9 and 6, have been missing since March 30, 1977, the day their mother, Beverly Wise, 26, was found stabbed to death in their San Bernardino home.

They have never been found but have reportedly been seen in Northern California, Idaho and Nevada since their disappearance, according to police who reopened the investigation in September 1979.

Some people have told police they saw the girls with Brandi's father and Wise's ex-husband, Roy Summers. Investigators believe that Summers visited the Iwakiri home sometime after the crimes were committed.

Summers, 40, the prime suspect in the case, is in San Bernardino County Jail awaiting trial on charges of murder and kidnapping.

Meanwhile in San Bernardino, the trial for Michael Iwakiri, 32, was put off Friday for three months until the California Supreme Court decides whether people who have been hypnotized are competent to be witnesses. Several cases on the issue are pending before the high court.

The ruling is important, said

Mike Smith, the San Bernardino County Deputy District Attorney who is prosecuting Michael Iwakiri, because many of the witnesses against him have been hynotized.

The contention is, Smith said, that those interviewed may have ideas planted in their subconscious during hypnosis.

Hypnosis is a common tool used by investigators to help witnesses remember things.

"If the (high court) ruling is that they're (the hypnotized witnesses) not competent, then we'll have to look hard at our case to see if we have any evidence left," Smith said.

"I think we probably do (have enough evidence), but it would be a lot weaker case."

Mr. Iwakiri is charged with perjury stemming from testimony he gave in 1980 before the San Bernardino County Grand Jury. He had said then that the missing girls had never been at his home. But that testimony contradicted what he had told Boise police earlier.

Iwakiri has been out of custody on his own recognizance and living in Boise during the last year.

Regarding the sentence given Mrs. Iwakiri, Smith said Friday, "I think it's an extremely good result. I would like to have seen it be slightly longer."

He said he thinks the girls are still alive and that Mrs. Iwakiri knows where they are.

He added that, "Maybe this (sentencing) will be a message to oth-

ers involved who are still concealing them."

Michael Iwakiri's attorney, Ed Foley, of San Bernardino, called the sentencing of Juanita Iwakiri a "travesty of justice."

Of the others charged in the case, a plea bargain disposition last year in San Bernardino Superior Court brought an end to the prosecution of Lee Casner of Grass Valley, Calif.

Casner pleaded guilty to one count of concealing a minor and charges of accessory to murder and kidnapping were dropped. He was placed on three years' probation.

Summers' sister, Karen Carino, who lives in Virginia, has also been charged with accessory to kidnapping and murder but has never been extradited to San Bernardino. Authorities say they do not know when or if that will

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nal Justice Committee and whether it will be any more likely to approve tougher anti-crime legislation than the committee has in the past.

"Everybody had a crime package; everybody was jumping on the crime bandwagon," Deukmejian said.

Heart surgery scheduled Tuesday for Korean girl

SAN BERNARDINO — Jung Sook Yoo may be returning to her home in Korea before long — with the hole in her heart mended.

Drs. Hunter I. Crittenden and Pierce Flynn and the sisters and staff of St. Bernardine Hospital have donated their skills, along with aid from the Inland Heart Center, to help the 16-year-old who lives on a small farm 30 miles outside of Seoul.

Yoo, selected as a candidate for open heart surgery by Heal the Children of Spokane, Wash., was brought to the United States and placed with the James Wuerth family of Hemet.

Yoo's ailment has tentatively been diagnosed as a large hole in the septum of the heart that may involve the veins returning blood from the lung and possibly one of the heart valves.

A diagnostic study by Dr. Crittenden is expected to confirm the previous diagnosis and will determine the specific area of the heart involved.

Surgery is scheduled Tuesday.

St. Bernardine is the second hospital in the area to participate in a program of heart surgery for needy children outside the United States.

Loma Linda University Medical Center has performed a number of heart surgeries in the past several years on children from Korea and Venezuela.