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whereabouts at the time of the killing. But, in 1979, the case was reopened to more closely examine the map and Summers' story. Investigators ultimately decided the alibi doesn't hold up.

The murder and kidnappings occurred March 30, 1977. Claude Wise, Beverly Wise's husband at the time of her death, discovered the body when he returned about 5:30 p.m. from his job at Norton Air Force Base.

Wise first noticed young Stacey crying and crawling in a hallway and then found his wife's body, the jury has been told. The body still was tied to the chair and was covered with a sheet.

Police found the map on top of a television set in a bedroom. Smith said witnesses will testify that the map apparently is one that Summers had access to when he was living in Northern California.

However, the bulk of Smith's marathon opening statement centered on a flow chart that shows the names and places that are the crux of the complicated, and largely circumstantial, case against Summers.

Basically, Smith is trying to show that there's no question that Summers often has been seen with the children. The implication is that whoever has been caring for the children had a hand in the crimes.

Among the people scheduled to testify that they've seen the children with Summers are three women who were waitresses in Elko, Nev. "In fact, they remembered waiting on him on numerous occasions," Smith said. "And, they remembered he had two little girls with him.

"In fact, Roberta Jones — one of the waitresses — . . . even had her own little nickname for Tiffani.

"And, he (Summers) told Roberta Jones that the reason he had custody of the two little girls was because he had separated from their mother and she was no good."

Those alleged sightings were in the summer of 1977. There were other supposed sightings in 1978 and 1979.

For example, in September 1979, the jury was told, a Sunday school teacher in Garden City, Idaho, had both girls in her class. The woman wrote the children's names in her class register, she later told investigators.

In January 1980, the children reportedly were seen in Grass Valley, Calif. Police learned of that incident one month later, but couldn't find the children. "That was the closest the detectives ever were . . . to Brandi and Tiffani," Smith told the jury.

The missing children haven't been seen since then, he added.

The trial is scheduled to resume at 9 a.m. today before Superior Court Judge William Pitt Hyde.