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stayed a couple hours before heading back to Las Vegas that evening.

Under questioning by Summers' attorney, the former police detective, who has since resigned from the department, said he talked with Mrs. Anzalone in the fall of 1979 and she told him of the Utah meeting with Summers.

When asked why he didn't investigate her story, Meyer said he asked the Anzalones to obtain documentation to substantiate their claims.

Meyer said he asked Mrs. Anzalone to phone him when she had the documentation. But, she told the jury that Meyer said he would call her back.

Meyer and Mrs. Anzalone agreed, however, that no phone call was ever made and that the matter was dropped — until a defense investigator entered the case.

It was the investigator who tracked down the rental agreement in 1981, according to Guhin.

In court, Guhin asked Meyer why he didn't seek out the documentation himself. Meyer replied that he checked with some rental agencies in Orange County, but dropped the matter when rental officials told them they didn't keep records more than two years.

Under cross-examination by Deputy District Attorney Michael Smith, Meyer said there also was the problem of locating the right rental agency.

The Anzalones' account contradicts earlier testimony by a key prosecution witness — a boy who testified that Summers' first day in Newcastle was not March 29, but March 31.

However, other witnesses from Newcastle testified Monday that Summers was working in Newcastle on the day of the murder, which was March 30.

One of those persons is Steve Anzalone, who said he worked with Summers that entire day. Another witness was Doris Anzalone, who presented payroll records to support the claim.

The prosecutor said the claims "are just wrong." The Anzalones gave one set of dates to police during the investigation and now are offering a different set of dates to the jury, according to the prosecution.

The trial now has spanned 53 days. Testimony will resume Thursday.

Summers was the chief suspect in the case from the beginning, but because of his Utah alibi, police interest in him dimmed.

For the next two years, police worked the case with the help of local community groups, the FBI, a Los Angeles psychic and national media coverage. Despite the efforts of an 11-member police task force that combed five states, no arrests were made and the in-



Donald Meyer

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vestigation nearly died on the vine.

Then, in the fall of 1979, a revitalized police probe — headed by Meyer and Detective John McDonald — again zeroed in on Summers.

The new probe culminated in his arrest in June 1980. He has been in jail ever since.

Reconnaissance plane returns safely to GAFB

Sun News Services

GEORGE AIR FORCE BASE — An Air Force reconnaissance plane that developed engine trouble over the Pacific while being ferried overseas returned and landed safely Tuesday at George Air Force Base, a spokesman said.

The RF-4, a fighter jet converted for use on reconnaissance missions, left George at about 10:50 a.m., said Air Force 2nd Lt. Jim Rueter.

The plane, which had been at George a couple of weeks, was piloted by Capt. Robert Johnson. The other crew member was Capt. John St. Ledger. Both were from Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

"About an hour out it developed a problem in the right engine," Rueter said. "The crew declared an emergency and turned around and came back."

The jet landed at George without incident shortly before 12:30 p.m., Rueter said. Neither of the two men aboard was injured.

"It was a very routine emergency," Rueter said.

The incident occurred while the plane was flying to Hickam AFB in Hawaii, from where it was to continue to the U.S. military air base at Okinawa, Japan, Rueter said, adding the source of the engine trouble had not yet been determined.

The plane is scheduled to leave George again on Thursday.