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(Continued from Metro)

pected to continue testifying today. She said she considered both Iwakiris good friends and that "I love them very much." She described Michael as "very definitely" a good family man.

Juanita, who ran a licensed day-care center, babysat Boyer's son regularly over the last three years, Boyer testified.

Boyer said Tuesday that Juanita first talked about the murder in July 1977 and that her sister in California had the two girls and wanted Juanita to pick them up in California. She did so shortly thereafter.

Boyer said Juanita told her she went to get the girls with a brother or brother-in-law and didn't mention whether Michael went or not.

Another time, Juanita told Boyer she wanted to adopt the girls and "give them lots of love and fatten them up," and had talked to Boyer's attorney, Robert Aldridge, about doing that, Boyer testified.

But Juanita changed her mind after learning that the older girl had some kind of disease that would cost a lot to take care of, her neighbor said.

Brandi suffers from cystic fibrosis and needs to take medicine with each meal to digest food properly. Without the medication, she would die.

Boyer said Juanita introduced the girls to her as the ones she had picked up in California and that she told police the name "Brandi Jondell" sounded familiar, but that "Tiffani" did not.

She recalled that the older girl looked much thinner than the one in the picture police showed her in an interview in February.

She said both were "not particularly cute or pretty children." The older girl's hair was straggly and the younger girl didn't look too healthy, she testified.

But Juanita didn't keep the children, because a neighbor reported to the Boise police that she had some kidnapped children at her house, Boyer said.

"Tiny (Juanita) got scared and took them to an institution in Garden City (a Boise suburb)," Boyer testified. From there, she testified, Juanita told her a cousin picked up the sisters from Garden City.

However, Boyer said she had seen the girl she believes was Brandi at the Iwakiris' house four times and the one she believes is Tiffani twice "probably in 1977," but it might have been in 1978. She also saw the children there last June.

The older girl hadn't changed that much, but the younger child had grown, Boyer testified.

She said Tuesday that in a February interview with San Bernardino Police Detective John McDonald she told him that pictures he showed her of the older child "looked familiar," but that she wasn't sure about the younger one. She thought the picture might be of a little boy, "Scotty," who lived in the neighborhood.

But under questioning by defense attorney Edward P. Foley Tuesday, Boyer said she didn't believe she was mistaken in her identifications of the missing children.

In addition, she said "when officers came to my door, 'I felt protective of Tiny. I was being cautious. I didn't want to damage Tiny in any way.'"

The hearing continues today at 9 a.m.