

Kidnap hearing

Woman changes answers

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SAN BERNARDINO — The sister-in-law of an Idaho man charged in the 1977 murder of Beverly Wise and the kidnapping of her two children testified in court here Thursday that she wasn't sure she saw the missing girls at the man's home earlier this year.

Yet Vivian Casner, of Cedar Ridge, Calif., told San Bernardino police in February that two girls in pictures officers "looked exactly like" two youngsters she saw in January at the home of her sister, Juanita Iwakiri, in Boise.

Casner, 33, was testifying in Municipal Court in the fourth day of a preliminary hearing for Michael Iwakiri, her sister's husband. He is charged with accessory to kidnapping and accessory to murder in the case.

Another witness at the hearing, Hugh McNichols, a Boise policeman, testified that Mr. Iwakiri told him in February that one of the missing girls was at his home last June.

Brandi Jondell Summers, then 5 years old, and Tiffani Wise, then 2, were abducted from their home here March 30, 1977, the day their mother was stabbed to death. The