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comes to trial."

During testimony in the attempted murder and assault case last week, Connie and Roy gave markedly different accounts of what happened when she broke her arm.

In addition to the March 30, 1977, murder of Beverly Wise — one of his former wives — Summers is charged with kidnapping and concealing two of Wise's children, Brandi Jondell Summers, then 5, and Tiffani Wise, then 2. Summers is Brandi's father. The children have never been found.

Dugan said he believes Summers should serve his time in Oregon before coming to California, but said his office would probably discuss the matter with district attorney's officials in San Bernardino. Summers has waived extradition to California.

In a telephone interview, Connie told a reporter Tuesday that she was "shocked" by the verdict and fears for her safety.

She said she had received many letters from Roy while he was in jail asking her to lie during her testimony or say she couldn't recall what had occurred when her arm was broken.

"What is really boils down to," she said one letter read, "is that if you are going to save our lives, you must convince my attorney that out of pain and anger you lied . . . no jury is going to believe these charges with us back together . . ."

Connie was granted a divorce from Summers in December and has resumed her maiden name of Kohler.

Summers' sister, Karen Carino of Springfield, Va., has been charged with accessory to kidnap and murder. Although her extradition hearing is scheduled for Thursday, Virginia officials have not received the necessary papers requesting her to come to California.

"We don't go looking for the papers," said Colin Kozloff, an investigator with the Fairfax County Police. "If no papers are received, we ask for the fugitive charge to be dropped and the case dismissed."

Although another warrant could be issued, a Fairfax County official said Tuesday that that is unlikely.

"If California did nothing to get her back, we wouldn't get another warrant," he said.

Carino has been out on bond since her Nov. 14 arrest. Joseph Canty, San Bernardino County chief deputy district attorney, is handling the case. He could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Meanwhile, San Bernardino police are still tracking leads to the whereabouts of the missing girls. They have reportedly been seen alive in the Boise, Idaho, area as recently as last September.

A Boise woman who San Bernardino and Boise officers believe babysat Brandi and Tiffani there last summer was arrested last week.

Juanita Iwakiri, 27, was charged with accessory to kidnapping and is out of jail on her own recognizance pending a preliminary hearing. Investigators gave few details of the reason for her arrest.

But in a "probable cause hearing" — necessary to obtain the

arrest warrant for Iwakiri — San Bernardino police detective Don Meyer told the court that Iwakiri's sister told investigators she had seen the children at Juanita's house last summer.

In an interview Feb. 3 with Meyer, Iwakiri positively identified the children as having been at her house then and described a woman who had dropped them off. Iwakiri said she didn't know the children were kidnapped.

However, in an interview a few days later, Iwakiri said she had only babysat the girls a few times and said she couldn't describe the woman who brought the children to her. In addition, she also said she had seen the girls in 1978, not last year.

At least two neighbors told investigators that Iwakiri had mentioned to them that the missing girls spent time with her sister three years ago in Nampa, a town near Boise.

In another development, according to records of the probable cause hearing, Brandi had been identified by a Sunday school teacher at a church in Garden City, a suburb of Boise.

She had given her name as Brandi Summers, then corrected herself, calling herself Brandi Kasner.

A former Boise area couple by the name of Kasner was listed in an address book belonging to Summers that investigators obtained from Connie.

In addition, detectives have contacted a Kasner family in Grass Valley, Calif. They told the family they were not interested in prosecuting people, but just in locating the children.

Voters reject tax reforms in Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Richmond voters rejected proposals Tuesday to cut property taxes, eliminate utility taxes and put a lid on city spending and borrowing.

All eight propositions in the advisory referendum were defeated by 7,000 to 8,000 votes.

With all of the city's 71 precincts reported, City Registrar Alice Lynch called the outcome a "firm loss" for the referendum. She said 47,267 of the city's 100,000 registered voters cast ballots.

Even if the proposals had been approved by the electorate, they could not have gone into effect without approval of the Virginia General Assembly, which has final say on city charter changes.

The measures included:

- ✓ Cutting the property tax to \$1 per \$100 assessed value from what is expected to be \$1.52 this year.

- ✓ Eliminating the utility tax of 25 percent now levied on all electric, gas and telephone bills.

- ✓ Requiring voter approval of four actions: any new or increased tax, any increase in taxes of more than 2 percent, any budgets that increase spending by more than 5 percent and any bond sales.

- ✓ Limiting the city's debt, now 18 percent, to 10 percent of the value of real estate.

- ✓ Ending a requirement that each signature on petitions be witnessed by notaries public.