

Judge denies bail reduction for man

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SAN BERNARDINO — Reduction of \$100,000 bail was denied Tuesday for a man whose wife may have sheltered for a time the two kidnapped daughters of a San Bernardino woman murdered in 1977.

Municipal Court Judge Dan Rankin emphasized that the continued absence of Brandi Jondell Summers, then 5, and her half-sister Tiffani Wise, then 2, was a major factor in his refusal to reduce bail.

The girls' mother, Beverly Wise, was stabbed to death March 30, 1977, in her home. The case was reopened in September after the girls were reported seen in California, Nevada and Idaho.

Charged with perjury and being an accessory to murder and kidnapping is Michael Iwakiri, 31, of Boise, Idaho. His attorney, Edward P. Foley, emphasized to the court Iwakiri's prior record as a good citizen and his close family ties and job ties to the Boise area.

Foley suggested a bail of \$15,000 would be appropriate. Deputy District Attorney Joe Canty, noting

Iwakiri's out-of-state residence, asked for \$50,000 bail.

"I think because the charges are so bizarre, and because of the fact that we have two young children whose whereabouts are not known, the bail will stand (at \$100,000)," Rankin replied.

Foley told the judge that Iwakiri's involvement was peripheral at best, explaining that the prosecution theory of the charges against him was that he impeded a police investigation of the murder and kidnapping because he lied about having seen the children.

But Canty contended that Iwakiri and his wife Juanita were "deeply involved" in the continued concealment of the children. Canty said he had just learned of a police interview with an unidentified attorney who said Mrs. Iwakiri had telephoned him in 1977 to ask him to arrange for her to adopt the two children. Canty said the lawyer told police the woman told him the girls had been taken to Idaho from California by her sister's boyfriend, who had kidnapped the girls and

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