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because he had threatened her before."

She said, however, that Summers also made statements, which she considered to be threats, against her and at least two other persons. Summers was volatile when he drank, she recalled. "You really didn't have to do anything to get him upset."

Tullis also was questioned about two other important issues in the trial: the map and Summers' alibi.

The prosecutor is trying to prove that the map belonged to Tullis — and that Summers borrowed it and accidentally left it at the crime scene.

Tullis said the map looks like one she used to own, but added that she can't be certain. Pointing to several routes that have been been traced on the map, she said, "I don't mark maps that way."

Tullis recalled that, after the police questioned her about the map, she went home to look for it. She said she discovered that it was missing.

Tullis agreed that Summers did have access to her map.

One of the traced routes leads through the town of Manteca, where one of Summers' sisters lived. Another of the routes leads to Utah — where Summers says he was staying when the crimes were committed on March 30, 1977.

(Summers says he arrived the day before the killing. Police say he arrived the day after the murder.)

Tullis told the jury she believes Summers was with her in Utah on the fatal day. But, she said she can't be absolutely certain, because of the five-year time lapse.

A calendar she kept during 1977 shows that, "Roy came from California 10:30 a.m." on March 29—just as Summers says. But, she testified that she isn't certain when she made the entry, and she agreed with the prosecutor that it appears two different color inks and two different pens were used.

Tullis said she remembers the circumstances of Summers' arrival in Utah because it was an emotional time in her life. They had broken up some weeks before because of Summers' drinking, she explained, and Summers had promised to mend his ways.

She said Summers telephoned her on March 28, saying that he was on his way from California to join her. He arrived the next day, she said.

Once in Utah, Summers went to work for her two brothers, Tullis said. The fatal day — March 30 — was Summers' first day on the job, she added.

Tullis peppered her testimony with critical comments about San Bernardino Police Detective Donald J. Meyer, who she says threatened her and tried to put words in her mouth during two lengthy investigative interviews.

"I know Mr. Meyer tried to get me to say things he wanted me to say," she told the jury. "He threatened me several times."

When she first told Meyer the map looked familiar, but that she couldn't be certain it was hers, he began pressuring her, she recalled. "He told me he was going to lock me up and I'd never see my kids again."

She testified that she told police the map definitely was hers only after a policeman — "I don't know if it was Detective Meyer or someone else" — told her that her fingerprints were on the map.

Later, when she learned she'd been misled about her prints, she found herself right back where she started — uncertain about the map, she told the jury.

Meyer also gave her a hard time about her corroboration of Summers' alibi, Tullis said.

"He kept accusing me of making it up just to suit my own purposes," she recalled. "He told me he was going to come back and arrest me."

The trial is scheduled to resume this morning before Superior Court Judge William Pitt Hyde.