

# Summers is found innocent of kidnapping seventh wife

BEND, Ore. — Roy Summers, charged in the 1977 murder of Beverly Wise of San Bernardino, was found innocent here Wednesday by a circuit court jury of kidnapping his seventh wife.

The jury's unanimous verdict came after about three hours of deliberation. Only 10 votes were needed for conviction or acquittal.

The charge stemmed from an incident Nov. 9 in which Summers

is accused of attacking his then-wife Connie and his mother, Loucyle Herman, at knifepoint and taking them forcibly from a Bend motel to his residence in Redmond, 17 miles away.

Connie, who was granted a divorce from Summers Dec. 31 and has assumed her maiden name of Kohler, testified at the 2½-day trial, as did Summers and his mother.

Kohler and Herman gave differing accounts of what occurred with Kohler saying her husband threatened the pair and Herman saying neither was ever threatened.

Summers, 39, testified that he was eating onions the day of the alleged incident and that's why he

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