

# Victim's neighbors air crime, apologize to police

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**SAN BERNARDINO** — Friends and neighbors of a murdered woman and her two kidnaped children gathered here Tuesday night to talk to police about the crime and to apologize for earlier this week questioning the thoroughness of the department's investigation.

The more than 50 persons met in

the warm night air on the lawn of Ken Selby, the victim's neighbor, and told police about their concern for the safety of the two missing children.

Beverly Wise, 26, was found stabbed to death three weeks ago tonight at her home at 1305 Alto Drive. Her two children, Brandi Jondell Summers, 5, who suffers from cystic fibrosis and needs medicine to digest food properly, and her half-

sister Tiffany Wise, 2, were abducted.

Selby told his neighbors and police at the meeting that he had been "angry, plenty angry" at the police department Sunday, but that "upon reflection," he was "embarrassed" by his anger and wanted to apologize to the department.

A petition that more than 40 persons signed had been passed throughout the neighborhood Sunday asking that police "delve deeper" into the case and keep the family of Air Force Sgt. Claude Wise more abreast of new developments.

Selby said he and the neighbors were only concerned about the occurrences and the family and that was the purpose of Tuesday's meeting.

Before the question session got under way, Claude Wise's mother, Donna Howlett, her voice quivering

with emotion, read a statement to the neighbors, thanking them for their "kindness and help in our time of grief."

She said the efforts of Selby and his wife, Laurie, were only "to help us get Jondell and Tiffany back. We give them our love and gratitude. They have opened their home to us, given their time and effort with love to our family and in memory of affection for Beverly."

As for the police not keeping the family informed of new developments, she said, "Claude and I have had very close contact with the investigators in this case and they have tried to keep us as well informed as possible." She said she was confident the police were following all leads and doing everything they possibly could to solve the crime.

Also at the meeting was Mayor W. R. Holcomb who told the crowd that he had "confidence in the (police) department" and that it was "doing a good job."

After expressing his apologies, Selby said there were still some questions he felt he and the neighbors had a "right to know" the answers to.

He asked Capt. Donald Day why the witnesses who saw one of the children being placed into a gold Camero-type car the day of the

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Residents gather to hear Det. Randy Bliss, Capt. Donald Day and Ken Shelby, at right, discuss police actions in death of Beverly Wise