

Witness . . .

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Foley, attempted to explain the outburst to Smith.

"What she says is that she got herself in this big jam by telling a bunch of screwball lies in the first place," he said.

During later cross examination, Summers' attorney, Timothy Guhin, asked Iwakiri if being involved in the kidnapping investigation added something to her life that had been missing.

"I thought it was exciting," she said. "Nothing exciting ever happened in our life. It was just a day care . . ."

After Iwakiri's interview with Meyer in Boise, she was arrested and charged with second-degree kidnapping, the Idaho equivalent of felony child concealment in California. She was found guilty of hiding Tiffani on and off from April 1977 to June 1977 and sentenced to five years in prison.

Iwakiri was released on probation in November 1981 after serving 120 days of the sentence. She has since appealed the conviction.

Her husband, Michael Iwakiri, was arrested on perjury charges in connection with the kidnapping but those charges were later dropped.

Because Iwakiri planned to invoke her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination to avoid testifying Thursday, Superior Court Judge William Pitt Hyde granted her immunity.

Foley said the immunity was essential for his client because "she fears that if she says she doesn't know of the kids and never told anyone that she had them that she could be arrested for perjury." Such statements would conflict with previous statements she had made.

Foley also expressed concern that Iwakiri's testimony during Summers' trial might be used against her when her appeal is heard in Boise. Hyde said he believed that immunity would protect her against that and ordered Iwakiri to answer the questions.

Smith began by showing Iwakiri pictures of the missing children and asking her if she had ever babysat them. She said no.

Iwakiri said the first she had ever heard of Brandi and Tiffani was when Boise Police Detective Hugh

McNichols came to her house to question her.

"I told him I had some kids who resembled them," she said.

She denied that she had readily identified Tiffani as a child she had cared for at her day-care center. "I only said they looked familiar," she said.

She said she had told the detective that if she had cared for the children, they would have been drop-ins who came to her only occasionally.

"I felt that I said if I did have them, it would've only been once or twice or I would've remembered more. I know the testimony is that I had them, but I felt I said that if I had of had them, it would have been as drop-ins," she said.

Asked if she had said she cared for Tiffani more often than Brandi, Iwakiri said, "I said if she (Brandi) had been there it would have been less because she didn't look that familiar."

Several days after the interview with McNichols, Iwakiri said her husband called the detective to tell him that "we didn't feel we had the information they felt we had. I felt we may have given him the idea that we had more information than we did."

Iwakiri said she talked to a neighbor, Laura Lee, about her interview with McNichols, and during that

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