

# Iwakiri: It was a happy . . .

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cared for Jerry more than she did. Jerry refused to come to her on visits to prison, where she served 120 days of a five-year sentence.

"I'm slowly winning my baby back," Mrs. Iwakiri said of Jerry.

Although she will not go back to prison unless she breaks a law, Mrs. Iwakiri says she will never be truly free until she clears her name by proving she was wrongly convicted.

Mrs. Iwakiri maintained all along that she had no knowledge of the girls she was accused of kidnapping, Tiffany Wise, or her half-sister, Brandi Summers, although neighbors testified they saw them at the Iwakiri home.

Mrs. Iwakiri said she cared for two girls who resembled the missing children.

Both girls have been missing since March 30, 1977, when their mother, Beverly, was murdered at her home in San Bernardino. Tiffany was 2 and Brandi, 5, at the time.

Roy Summers, Beverly's ex-husband and Brandi's father, is awaiting trial in the murder.

"I will not give up just because I'm out of prison," Mrs. Iwakiri said.

"Only me and God know the truth, and it's unfair that only us two know."

She has appealed her conviction to the Idaho Supreme Court.

"I don't think they will ever find the kids," Mrs. Iwakiri said of the missing girls.

She said detectives and lawyers who have worked on her behalf in the case are convinced the children were killed the same night as their mother.

"Finding the bodies would help (her appeal)," Mrs. Iwakiri said.

She said she was treated well at the minimum security prison at Cottonwood, but still "went through a lot." She said she burst into tears Tuesday night after her release.

"I kept thinking I had to go up and sit on the bed and wait for the guard to clear count," she said.

Mrs. Iwakiri explained that prisoners must go to their beds several times a day to be counted and must wait until the guards count all prisoners present and give an all-clear signal.

She had freedom to attend school, where she earned her high-school equivalency degree in six

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