

The manhunt goes on in S.B. murder-kidnaping

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SAN BERNARDINO — Police said they have questioned more than 100 persons and are checking out all known leads in the manhunt for the person who kidnaped two young girls and killed their mother here last week.

"So far the results have not been fruitful," Lt. Dale Roberts said of the nine-day investigation. He said one of the main drawbacks is the lack of physical evidence and witnesses' descriptions that usually develop in a murder case of this type.

And he said the case is more critical than usual because the children, Brandi Jondell Summers, 5,

who suffers from cystic fibrosis, and her half-sister Tiffany Wise, 2, are involved.

The body of the girls' mother, Beverly Wise, 26, was discovered by her husband last Wednesday slumped in a living room chair, a single stab wound above her right breast. The two children were gone, but a third child, 8-month-old Stacey Wise, was sitting in the hallway.

The questioning of some of those interviewed was monitored on a polygraph machine, Roberts said. Investigators are asking those whose statements they want to verify to agree to the polygraph tests, he said.

"The polygraph is a safeguard," he said. "It's a cold, calculating instru-

ment that has no human frailties. It has a high percentage of accuracy and it's a very useful tool."

Claude Wise, the dead woman's husband, was called back to San Bernardino from Santa Clara Wednesday for more questioning by police in hopes that he might provide additional information that might aid the investigation.

Wise had gone north for his wife's burial in Santa Clara where they had attended high school together.

The investigation is concentrated in the San Bernardino area, but detectives have also questioned friends, relatives, acquaintances and others in northern California, Orange and Los Angeles counties.

The FBI is also cooperating with the police force and providing information and following leads when asked.

One aspect of the case that Roberts said he was "hoping would be a good lead," but that hasn't been as yet, is the fact that Jondell Summers (the name Brandi answers to) needs frequent doses of medicine so she can digest food properly or she becomes ill.

"It's a good lead," he said, "because it does take a prescription and we'd know who was trying to get the medicine."

He said police had been checking with clinics and pharmacies in the area to see if anyone had asked for

the medicine, but so far it "hasn't done any good."

Jondell's doctor, Dr. Richard Dooley, said the girl could probably "go a period of weeks" without the medicine, but that "all patients (with cystic fibrosis) are in bad shape without their medicine." He said Jondell would probably have "very bad bowel movements and would become apparently very sick" without the medicine. With no absorption of food, she would suffer from severe malnutrition, he said.

He said that Jondell was bright and was familiar with the name of her prescribed medicine and that it probably "would not be terribly difficult to get the medicine because it

is fairly benign and there aren't any real restrictions on the use of it."

Some local pharmacists said they agreed with Dooley. Lowell Taylor, managing pharmacist at Long's drug store, said the drug would be "very simple to get" and that "not very many pharmacists would question a prescription of that type," especially, he said, if the prescription was forged or a doctor elsewhere wrote it.

He said he doubted that a prescription for the drug would go unnoticed in San Bernardino because most pharmacists are aware of the

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