

Summers' wife denies 'butcher' remark

The wife of a man charged in Oregon with killing his former wife said Monday she did not tell police that her husband said the victim had been "butchered like a cow."

Roy A. Summers is accused of murdering Beverly Wise in San Bernardino on March 30, 1977, and kidnapping and concealing two of Wise's children, Brandi Jondell Summers, then 5, and Tiffani Wise, then 2. Summers is Brandi's father.

The children have never been found since the day their mother was killed, but police are hopeful they are still alive.

Roy Summers is currently facing charges in Oregon in an unrelated case — the attempted

murder and kidnapping of Connie Summers, his present wife, and of his mother.

In a Dec. 18 news story The Sun reported that Connie Summers told police her husband had said Wise had been "butchered like a cow."

Connie Summers said Monday that she never made such a statement.

During a search consented to by Connie Summers, Oregon police took a writing tablet and a photo album from Roy Summers' home at Redmond. The tablet reportedly contains an autobiography by Roy Summers that uses "language concerning kidnapping and

murder," court records state.

The court records, filed in Deschutes County, Ore., in support of a search warrant, also show that another former wife of Summers, Laura Summers of Boise, Idaho, told police that "on numerous occasions in the past, he (Roy Summers) had told her that his ex-wife, Beverly Wise, had been killed by being butchered the same way a cow was."

A Portland, Ore., woman who knew Roy Summers for about a month during 1977 told police that Summers said "he had killed some people when he was in the penitentiary in the same manner that you butcher a cow," the records state. Summers served time in a California state prison for rape when he was 19.