

# Two bound over for trial in kidnapping

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SAN BERNARDINO — A Municipal Court judge Wednesday ordered Lee Casner bound over for trial on charges of felony child concealment and accessory to the

kidnapping of two young sisters here three years ago.

The 37-year-old northern California man was the first of four persons charged in connection with the 1977 kidnap-murder case who has been ordered to face trial.

Meanwhile, later Wednesday, another of the suspects, Juanita Iwakiri, the sister of Casner's brother's wife, was also bound over for trial following an eight-hour preliminary hearing in Boise, Idaho. She is charged with what would be the equivalent in California of accessory to kidnapping.

Investigators believe Iwakiri, 27, babysat the girls at her home in Boise last summer. The press was barred from attending the proceedings at the request of defense counsel.

In Lee Casner's hearing here detectives said he admitted to them last month that he knows the chief suspect in the case, Roy Summers. But he said he never saw the missing children.

However, Judge Carl E. Davis said that evidence presented in the 3½-day hearing convinced him that Casner's statements to the detectives weren't true.

Davis had delayed deciding Casner's fate one day so he could review cases cited by the attorneys at the hearing, Chief Trial Deputy District Attorney Joseph Canty and Deputy Public Defender Gary Smeltzer.

At issue was whether the false statements Casner made to police in the interview constitute a crime and whether those statements diverted investigators from the trail of the missing girls and Summers.

The sisters, Brandi Jondell Summers, then 5 years old, and Tiffani Wise, then 2, were abducted from their home March 30, 1977, the day their mother, Beverly Wise, 26, was found stabbed to death.

Roy Summers, Brandi's father and Wise's ex-husband, has been charged with the murder and kidnapping. He is in an Oregon jail awaiting extradition to California.

Judge Davis said Wednesday that Casner's falsehoods "helped the trail grow cold" and "constitutes aiding and abetting" Summers to avoid prosecution, thus making Casner an accessory to the crimes.

"I think the falsehood about his (Summers') last known whereabouts is a considerable benefit . . . because it puts the investigators at a dead end," Davis said.

Smeltzer argued Tuesday that no evidence had been presented

showing that Casner, of Cedar Ridge, knew the girls had been kidnapped and that Summers was charged in the case.

But Canty argued, and Davis ac-

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### South shore city hearing April 9

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SAN BERNARDINO — The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFAC), despite staff concerns, Wednesday refrained from trying to expand Big Bear Lake's south shore cityhood plan into other parts of Bear Valley.

The commission agreed to conduct a formal hearing on south shore incorporation as proposed. The hearing is expected April 9, assuming preparation of an environmental impact report will not be required.

Cityhood proponents insisted that other unincorporated sections of Bear Valley, including Big Bear City and Fawnskin, still resist joining in the incorporation proposal. They argued that the south shore needs an elected body — a City Council — to represent its concerns in the way that the independent Big Bear City Community Services District board represents that area.

Dr. Robert Davies, president of CITI (Citizen Interest Toward Incorporation) said it will not be until the south shore has such an entity that it will be able to work effectively with other Bear Valley communities and possibly get them to join the city in the future.

His comments were in response

to a report by the LAFAC staff questioning whether cityhood for the south shore alone would be productive and suggesting the commission could establish a committee including representation from other parts of Bear Valley to study the feasibility of valleywide incorporation.

Robert Olsen, an alternate LAFAC member and chairman of the Big Bear City district board, said he believes attitudes in his community have changed since a previous valleywide plan was reduced in 1977 to the south shore because of opposition from other areas. (That cityhood attempt was defeated at the polls.)

Olsen argued that if the CITI group had "strong representation" from the other communities and "if somebody in Big Bear City was approached right, I think you could work together" toward valleywide incorporation.

But Davies said his group has tested sentiment in the other areas and has found in Big Bear City, for example, that residents feel they have "a tried, true and proven community services district" and fear they would "lose that to an untried, unproven body" (a new City Council) if they joined in the

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## No nudes is good nudes

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VICTORVILLE — A 49-year-old counselor aide, whose nude photograph appeared in *Hustler* magazine, has been suspended for three weeks without pay by the Victor Valley Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees.

Virginia Blevins, a 6-year district employee who has worked at Victor Valley High School, was also ordered transferred to another campus effective April 7.

Blevins said Wednesday she was "very unhappy" about the board decision, but had not made any plans to fight the action, which followed a closed-door personnel session Tuesday night.

Blevins, who was called into the executive session only briefly, said she was most upset by the manner her suspension was handled.

"I really feel I should have been given a chance to come and talk things over (with the administration) in an informal way," before the board meeting, Blevins said.

She said she asked to speak to the Board of Trustees after learning disciplinary action against her was being considered.

However, Wednesday she said she was not given an opportunity to speak about the issue, and was not questioned by the board.

Blevins' name was never publicly mentioned by the board, which voted following a 2½ hour executive session to suspend "the classified employee" without pay from March 5-28, and transfer the employee to another campus.

District personnel director Michael Kilgore said Wednesday The Sun was making an "assumption" that Blevins was the employee involved in the personnel matter.

He declined to say where Blevins would be transferred until she receives official notice, which was to be mailed Wednesday afternoon.

When asked about the incident Tuesday night, Blevins and her

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