

2 arrested in '77 Wise kidnapping

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SAN BERNARDINO — Police detectives were en route home from Northern California late Monday with two persons they arrested in connection with the 1977 kidnapping of two San Bernardino sisters.

During their five-day trip, detectives said they learned the missing girls were seen in Grass Valley, about 50 miles northeast of Sacramento, as recently as six weeks ago.

Lee Casner, 37, of Cedar Ridge, a rural area about five miles from Grass Valley, was taken into custody late Friday for investigation of being an accessory to kidnapping, murder and felony child stealing.

Witnesses told officers they re-

cently saw Brandi Jondell Summers, who would be 8, and Tiffani Wise, now 5, with Lee Casner in the Grass Valley area.

Casner's sister-in-law, Vivian Casner, 33, was arrested late Sunday for investigation of accessory to kidnapping. She is married to Lee's brother, Jim. Both Lee and Vivian were housed in Nevada County Jail until their release to San Bernardino police about 10:30 a.m. Monday.

Formal charges against both Casners are expected to be filed here today. Authorities believe both either had the children recently or know who did, and that they probably know where the

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