

The Wise murder case — a tangled web

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When San Bernardino detectives sat down last September to discuss strategy for a renewed investigation of the 1977 Wise kidnap-murder case, none of them envisioned that the probe would snowball like it has.

Now, seven months later, five persons — some from as far away as Idaho and Oregon — are in custody and have been charged in connection with the murder of Beverly Wise, 26, and the abduction of her daughters, Brandi Jondell Summers and Tiffani Wise, from their home in San Bernardino.

And police are certain that the sisters, Brandi, now 8, and Tiffani, now 5, though not yet found, are still alive.

People in Idaho, Northern California and Nevada told police they had seen the children in those areas

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at various times since their March 30, 1977, kidnapping. Sometimes they have been seen with Roy Summers, Brandi's father and Wise's ex-husband. (See accompanying map.)

The principal suspect in the case, Summers, 39, has been charged with the stabbing murder and kidnapping. He has consistently maintained that he did not commit the crimes.

Summers, who is serving a one-year jail sentence in Oregon in an unrelated case, may waive extradition this week, which would clear the way for police to bring him to San Bernardino.

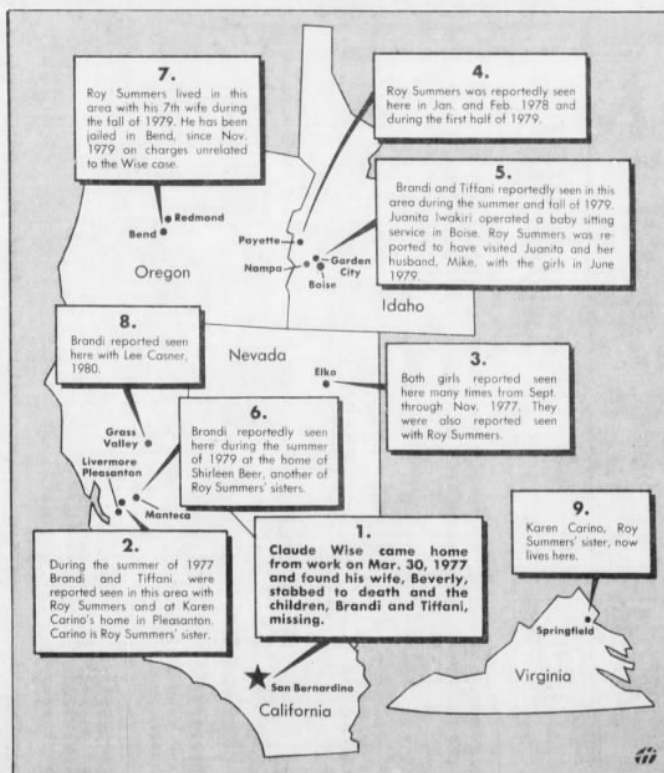
If he doesn't, San Bernardino authorities are preparing the extradition paperwork. That could mean another four weeks before he is brought to California.

Summers' relatives have said that he wasn't upset about his breakup with Wise in 1971 or about losing Brandi.

But others who know him say he hated Wise, was extremely bitter toward her and often said she deserved to die in a grotesque manner. One person told police that Summers had told her numerous times he was going to kill Wise or would have someone else do it for him.

Summers served time in prison in 1960 or 1961 in a kidnapping and assault case, records show. He has also been arrested several times during the last 20

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Map shows the various states in which Tiffani Wise and Brandi and Roy Summers have reportedly been seen during the last three years.

Another slim win for Ted

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DETROIT (AP) — Sen. Edward Kennedy defeated President Carter in a tight battle Saturday for the majority of Michigan's 141 votes at the Democratic National Convention. His victory in the Michigan caucuses was Kennedy's second razor-thin triumph over the president in a week.

Party officials said Kennedy had 71 delegates and Carter 70.

The two candidates ended up with 48 delegates each out of the 96 elected at the caucuses. The other 45 were apportioned according to the caucus results with the odd delegate going to Kennedy on the basis of a complex formula which gave greater weight to caucuses with higher attendance.

Last Tuesday, Kennedy captured 93 delegates to 92 for Carter in the Pennsylvania primary.

Kennedy counted on back-to-back victories in Pennsylvania and Michigan to underline his assertion that Carter is weakest in the big northern industrial states where a Democrat normally must be strong to win in November. However, his two one-delegate victories did little to cut into Carter's big overall lead in the nominating race.

Including the Michigan results, Carter had 1,109

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