

## *Seek abductor of 2 girls*

# Task force formed in S.B. kidnaping

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SAN BERNARDINO — Police detectives formed a special task force Monday to pursue the abductor of two San Bernardino girls missing since Wednesday following the murder of their mother.

Sgt. John Klein, who is heading the search, said 11 officers and two civilian investigators assigned to the task force will be checking and rechecking every lead or possible lead they can find.

"We're back at home plate and we're going to go talk with everyone we can possibly find on this thing," Klein said.

Missing are Brandi Jondell Summers, 5, who suffers from cystic fibrosis, and her half-sister, Tiffany Wise, 2.

Their mother, Beverly Wise, 26, was stabbed to death in her San Bernardino home. Her body was found by her husband, Claude, an Air Force sergeant, about 5 p.m. Wednesday. The two girls were gone, although a third daughter, 8-month-old Stacey Wise, was still in the home.

Wise is in Northern California this week following the burial there Monday of his wife. The couple attended high school together in Santa Clara.

His mother, Donna Howlett, said by telephone from Santa Clara that the family had talked with two psychics in an effort to develop information about the children.

"We have to do something," said Wise's stepfather, Richard Howlett. "We can't just sit on our hands."

Details from the psychics has

been turned over to police investigators. Klein said he appreciates any leads, but will not make the psychics' forecasts the basis of the investigation.

"Right now we're looking into his background (Wise's) and her's. People he's worked with, people she might have known. Everything. We'll come up with something to go on," Klein said.

He asked anyone having information to contact San Bernardino police.

The homicide investigator, who with his men have spent many hours on the case during the past five days, admits his frustration.

"I've got to admit I've lost a lot of sleep in the last few days and the other guys are saying the same thing. We're all very anxious to find the children and it's very frustrating not to have a solid lead," he said.

While police work on the criminal end of the tragedy, friends of Wise are doing what they can to help him.

More than \$800 was collected at a statewide YMCA swimming championship meet Saturday in Long Beach, said Pam Kiesel, mother of a swimmer. Wise has coached the Uptown Y swim team since September.

Kiesel said the money will be held until Wise returns to the area and then will be given to him to use as he sees fit.

"I've never seen anything like what those people did Saturday," Kiesel said. "We just put up a bulletin board at the meet with the news stories about what happened. People would stop and read for 10 minutes and then reach into their wallets. It was beautiful."