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Cedar Ridge, Calif., is Juanita's sister. Casner was arrested near her home last month and brought to San Bernardino. She was questioned and released and no charges were filed.)

By mid-summer 1977, Juanita told the neighbor she had both girls at her Boise home.

According to records, the neighbor said that Juanita had been very depressed during part of 1977 and that she wanted more of her own children instead of only babysitting children belonging to others.

Juanita then told the neighbor she wanted to adopt the kidnapped girls because they were motherless, and keep them forever.

But shortly afterward, Juanita changed her mind about the adoption, because she learned that the older child had an illness that required constant medication and that she and her husband wouldn't be able to afford it.

The neighbor said that she believed the illness was cystic fibrosis or muscular dystrophy.

Later in the summer, Juanita took the children to some kind of religious institution in Garden City, Idaho, because someone had told police she was caring for two kidnapped children and she became scared. But she also believed the children would be well cared for at the institution, the neighbor told investigators.

(Brandi was reportedly seen at the Garden City Community Christian Church last September.)

Juanita's sister in California became angry when she learned the children had been moved. So an unidentified cousin picked up the girls and took them to a house in the Boise or Garden City area, the neighbor told police.

The neighbor said that Juanita talked about the children periodically in 1978.

According to the neighbor, a man who Juanita said was her brother — a horse trainer from Oregon — had visited Juanita's house in May or June 1979. The neighbor was shown photos and picked out one of Roy Summers as the visitor.

(Summers, 39, the murdered woman's ex-husband and Brandi's father, is charged with the kidnapping and murder. He is in an Oregon jail awaiting extradition to California.)

There also were two children at the house at that time last year, and the neighbor said the older child was the same one she had seen at Juanita's in 1977 and in 1979. Also, the neighbor said the older girl and Juanita had been at her (the neighbor's) house, probably in the summer of 1978.

From a photo lineup, she picked out Brandi as that girl.

The man whom the neighbor identified as Summers behaved very nicely, but yelled at the girls when they came into the living room during that 1979 visit. The older child seemed to be especially afraid of him, the neighbor told investigators.

After that day in May or June 1979, Juanita never mentioned the kidnapped children again until recently, the neighbor said. Not too long ago, according to records, Juanita told the neighbor that she didn't know anything about the children except that they had been left with her to babysit.

Another neighbor, who also testified at Juanita's preliminary hearing this week, identified a photo of Tiffani as a girl who had been at Juanita's house last August, records show. The neighbor said Juanita never mentioned to her that the child had been kidnapped.

The neighbor said that last month Juanita told her that her sister had the two girls in California and that they had taken her sister's last name, "Casner." In much of the conversation that followed, Juanita consistently referred to the girls as "Brandi" and "Tiffani," the neighbor told police.

The neighbor said Juanita told her she didn't know who had brought the girls to her house and that they came on a drop-in basis.

Last month, on the same night that police had questioned Juanita, her husband, Mike, talked to the neighbor and told her that she was mistaken in identifying Tiffani as having been babysat by Juanita, records show.

But the neighbor said she believed that Mike was just trying to confuse her and she maintained she was positive Tiffani had been at Juanita's house.

In addition to the Summers and the Iwakiris, Summers' sister, Karen Carino, of Springfield, Va., has been charged in the case as has Lee Casner, 37, of Cedar Ridge, Calif. Casner is Vivian Casner's brother-in-law.

Police believe the girls stayed at Carino's home in Pleasanton, Calif., in the late spring or early summer of 1977, before Carino, 33, moved East.

Lee Casner knows Summers and has reportedly been seen with the missing girls near his Northern California home. He was bound over for trial this week on charges of accessory to kidnapping and felony child concealment.

Investigators in the case say they don't know why so many people are involved in the case, nor what specific connections, if any, they have to Roy Summers.