

# Man charged, but woman released in Wise kidnaps

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**SAN BERNARDINO** — One of two northern California residents arrested earlier this week in connection with the 1977 kidnapping of two young sisters here was released Thursday because no charges had been filed against her.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Joseph Canty said he wasn't "going to file (against Vivian Casner) at this time. I can't comment on it any further than that."

Casner, 33, of Cedar Ridge, a rural area about 50 miles northeast of Sacramento, had been held on suspicion of accessory to kidnapping. She and her brother-in-law, Lee Casner, 37, were arrested in

Cedar Ridge by San Bernardino detectives.

Lee Casner was charged Wednesday with accessory to kidnapping and felony child concealment of Brandi Jondell Summers and Tiffani Wise. At his arraignment in Municipal Court Thursday a preliminary hearing was set for March 6 and his bail was kept at \$100,000.

Brandi and Tiffani were 5 and 2 years old, respectively, when they were abducted March 30, 1977. Their mother, Beverly Wise, 26, was found stabbed to death that day at their home, 1505 E. Alto Drive.

The girls have never been found and detectives believe Lee Casner

had the children recently, knows who did or knows where they are now.

Witnesses in the Grass Valley area told San Bernardino detectives they saw the missing girls with Lee Casner as recently as six weeks ago. But detectives said Thursday that no new leads have developed in the case. They say they have little information regarding Lee Casner's connection with the prime suspect in the case, Roy Summers.

Summers, 39, is Brandi's father and Wise's ex-husband. He has been charged with murder and kidnapping in the case. He is currently in an Oregon jail on unrelated charges and has waived extradition to California.