



Police say Brandi Jondell Summers, left, and her half-sister, Tiffani Wise, kidnapped from their San Bernardino home in 1977, may still be alive.

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SAN BERNARDINO — One of San Bernardino's most baffling police cases — the 1977 murder of Beverly Wise and the kidnapping of her two small children — has been reopened, police told The Sun Wednesday.

Until this development, no one had ever been arrested and the children were feared dead. But their bodies were never found.

Police said Wednesday their renewed investigation raises the possibility that the children, Brandi Jondell Summers and her half-sister Tiffani Wise, are alive. Brandi is Wise's daughter by a previous marriage.

Another development — the recent arrest of Brandi's aunt in Fairfax County, Virginia, for investigation of accessory to murder and kidnapping — underscores investigators' hopes of the safety of the children.

The youngsters, according to police, were seen alive during the summer of 1977 in Fairfax County, although investigators offered "no comment" Wednesday as to whether they were living with the aunt, Karen Carino, at that time.

Investigators said that "no trace" of the children has been developed beyond that time.

Carino's arrest has led police to name Wise's ex-husband, Roy Albert Summers, as their "prime suspect" in the case, said Police Chief B. Warren Cocke. Carino is Summers' sister.

Summers was questioned during the original investigation and cleared. However, officers have said periodically during the 2½ years since the crime occurred, that they still believed he was involved.

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