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SAN BERNARDINO — After months of delays, a preliminary hearing for Roy Summers, charged in the 1977 murder of his ex-wife and the kidnapping of her two daughters, is set for 8:30 a.m. Monday in Municipal Court here.

Summers, 39, was extradited in June from Bend, Ore., where he was serving a year's jail sentence in an unrelated assault case. He is currently being held in San Bernardino County Jail.

He is one of five persons who have been charged in connection with the March 30, 1977, stabbing death of Beverly Wise and the abduction of Brandi Jondell Summers, then 5 years old, and Tiffani

Wise, then 2. Summers is Brandi's father.

The delays in court proceedings have been because of the huge amount of evidence in the case and because Summers has changed attorneys several times.

The missing girls have never been found, but since San Bernardino police reopened the investigation last September, people in Idaho, northern California and Nevada have told detectives they've seen the girls — sometimes with Summers — in those areas over the past three years.

The latest sightings were last February near Grass Valley, a community about 50 miles northeast of Sacramento.