

Idaho trial under way

Jury selection began Tuesday in Boise, Idaho, for a woman charged with felony child concealment in connection with the 1977 murder of a San Bernardino woman and the kidnapping of her two children.

Juanita Iwakiri, 28, is charged with the concealment of Brandi Jondell Summers, 8, and her sister Tiffani Wise, 5.

The girls have been missing since March 30, 1977, the day their mother, Beverly Wise, 26, was found stabbed to death in their home.

The children have never been found but they have reportedly been seen in the last three years in Idaho, Nevada and most recently in February in Grass Valley, Calif., about 50 miles northeast of Sacramento.

Investigators believe Iwakiri babysat the missing girls occasionally during the last three years.

Iwakiri is one of five persons who have been charged in the case. Another is her husband, Michael, who faces trial next month on a perjury charge.

Charged with the murder and kidnappings is Roy Summers, 39, who is Wise's ex-husband and Brandi's father. He is in custody in San Bernardino County Jail and his preliminary hearing is pending.

Witnesses expected to be called during Iwakiri's trial include Claude Wise, who is the dead woman's husband and Tiffani's father, as well as San Bernardino police detectives Don Meyer and John McDonald who have worked on the case since it was reopened last September.