

Wise murder case

Iwakiri to search for missing girls

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BOISE, Idaho — Mike Iwakiri is seeking the "living proof" that his wife, Juanita, is serving a five-year prison sentence for a crime she did not commit.

He's planning a national campaign to locate the two missing San Bernardino children his wife has been convicted of concealing.

On May 15 after a six-week trial, a District Court jury in Boise found Juanita Iwakiri, 30, guilty of the second-degree kidnapping of Tiffany Wise, 5, of San Bernardino. Second-degree kidnapping is the equivalent of felony child concealment in California.

Law enforcement authorities have failed to find Tiffany Wise or her half-sister, Brandi Jondell Summers, 8. They disappeared on March 30, 1977, the day their mother, Beverly Wise, was murdered in the family's San Bernardino home.

But Juanita Iwakiri was connected to the case by her sister, Vivian Casner, Grass Valley, Calif., and her brother-in-law, Lee Casner, who was said to be a friend of Wise's ex-husband, Roy Sum-

mers. Summers, the father of Brandi, was charged with the murder of his wife, but the case has not yet come to trial.

Juanita Iwakiri maintained her innocence throughout her trial, and Mike Iwakiri said in an interview Sunday he is sending pictures of the girls and written pleas for help from the public to six national magazines in hopes they will print them.

"Our hope is to locate the girls so that we may clear ourselves of the charges we are facing," Iwakiri said.

He is facing a charge of lying to a San Bernardino grand jury in connection with the case but a trial date has not been set. Officials are awaiting a state supreme court verdict on whether testimony from a hypnotized witness is admissible in court before scheduling the trial.

During Juanita Iwakiri's six-week trial in Boise, neighbors testified they saw the two girls at her home, where she operated a day-

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