

Juanita Iwakiri guilty of Wise kidnapping

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Juanita Iwakiri, the first person to be tried in connection with the 1977 murder of a San Bernardino woman and the abduction of her two children, was found guilty Thursday by a Boise, Idaho, jury of second-degree kidnapping.

After deliberating almost six hours, the 4th District Court jury convicted Iwakiri, 29, of hiding Tiffani Wise off and on between April 1977 and June 1979 at the day-care center she operated in her Boise home.

A charge of concealing Tiffani's half-sister, Brandi Summers, had been dropped by Judge Robert Newhouse during the trial because of insufficient evidence.

The conviction, the equivalent in California of felony child concealment, carries a prison sentence of up to 25 years. Sentencing was set for June 19.

The girls have been missing since March 30, 1977, the day their

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