

Court documents shed light on S.B. murder

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Court documents filed in Bend, Ore., reveal that a man accused of the murder of his ex-wife Beverly Wise in San Bernardino nearly three years ago told his current wife, when he was drunk, that Wise had been "butchered like a cow."

Roy A. Summers was arraigned Monday in a Bend court on one charge of murder and two each of kidnapping and child concealment. He told the judge, "I am innocent and don't know of any crimes."

Wise, 26, was found stabbed to death March 30, 1977, in her San Bernardino home. Two of her children, Brandi Jondell Summers, then 5, and Tiffani Wise, then 2, were kidnapped and are still missing. Roy Summers is Brandi's father.

A Deschutes County, Ore., detective told San Bernardino police he saw a photograph of a child who resembled Brandi and that she appeared to be a year or more older than when she was kidnapped.

Summers' sister, Karen Carino of Springfield, Va., was arrested there last month on charges of accessory to murder and accessory to kidnapping. The charges against Carino were filed before anyone had been arrested in connection with the Wise murder. Carino posted \$5,000 bond soon after her arrest and her extradition to California is pending.

Police believe the children visited Carino when she lived in Northern California a few months after their kidnapping.

However, San Bernardino Police Chief B. Warren Cocke said Monday evening that no new leads regard-

ing the children have been uncovered.

"We know the children were seen alive some months after the murder. But it's discouraging that we haven't come up with any new leads," he said.

Summers, who is now awaiting trial in Oregon on an unrelated case — the attempted murder and kidnapping of his present wife and his mother — refused extradition to California during Monday's hearing. There is no bail on the California charges.

He was considered the prime suspect during the initial investigation of the Wise murder and kidnapping, but police located him in Utah and within a few days said he was not involved.

The murder, kidnap and child concealment charges he now faces came after a three-month-long renewed

investigation of the Wise case by San Bernardino Police.

A search warrant dated Nov. 14 and filed in a Bend court revealed that San Bernardino detectives searched Summers' Redmond, Ore., home seeking, among other things, three credit cards missing from the Wise home after the murder, a female child's hat and prescriptions or prescription medicine containers for Brandi Summers. Brandi suffered from cystic fibrosis and required medication with each meal to enable her to digest food properly.

Other items police listed on the search warrant are two photo albums, female children's clothing, photos of Beverly, Tiffani and Brandi, a footlocker and a red

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