

# Summers . . .

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Wises because it was not supported by evidence in the trial.

Smith then asked Summers about discrepancies between what Summers testified to in court and what he told a detective in 1977.

Summers testified he told San Bernardino Police Detective Gary Hilder he knew of his girlfriend's plans in 1977 to leave the San Francisco Bay Area for a sparsely populated community in Utah.

Summers said he also told the detective that the reason his girlfriend was leaving was because she had a sick mother in that state.

Summers claims to have been working in Utah the day of the murder. He has at least five witnesses who have testified in support of his claim.

Summers testified Monday and Tuesday that he and his girlfriend had a falling out because of his excessive drinking; and that her trip to Utah was unexpected.

Summers said he didn't remember what he told the detective.

Smith then showed Summers a transcript of the 1977 interview with the detective.

After reading the transcript Summers said, "I was lying. I was covering up."

"If I said she (the girlfriend) went because of her mother's cancer that would have been truth, but not all the truth," Summers said.

Another discrepancy Smith brought out concerned whether or not Summers knew of Wise's third child, who was found by police in the Wise home after the murder.

Summers testified he only knew of two children. Yet, he told Hilder in 1977 that he heard there was a baby left in the crib.

At the time of the children's abduction Brandi Jondell Summers was 5 and Tiffani Wise was 2. For more than five years they have been missing. Some prosecution witnesses have testified that Summers was seen with the missing children after the murder.

According to Smith, Summers told Hilder that he thought the killer was either Beverly's hus-

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