

# Wise tells jury how he found his wife slain, children missing

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CHINO — Claude Wise dredged up 5-year-old memories Tuesday to tell a jury how he came home from work one night and discovered that his wife had been murdered and two of their children had been kidnapped.

The house was eerily quiet, Wise recalled. The family's youngest child — 8-month-old Stacey Wise — began whimpering when he found her lying in a hallway. A quick search of the house proved fruitless, so Wise returned to the infant and, "That's when I looked up and saw Beverly's body in the living room."

Wise said his wife was seated in a chair. A sheet had been pulled

over her body, "and blood (was) all over the floor."

The testimony came two weeks into the prosecution's case against Roy Summers, who was the slain woman's ex-husband and the father of one of the missing girls.

Summers, 41, murdered the woman out of hatred and kidnapped the children because they witnessed the slaying, Deputy District Attorney Michael Smith has told the jury.

The defendant could be imprisoned for life if he is convicted of murdering the woman and kidnapping Brandi Jondell Summers and her half-sister, Tiffani Wise. The girls were 5 and 2 years old, respectively, when they disap-

peared in March 1977 from their San Bernardino home.

Claude Wise told the jury that Brandi suffered from cystic fibrosis, a disease that required her to take about 40 pills a day so she could digest her food.

At the time of the kidnapping, Wise was a serviceman stationed at Norton Air Force Base.

He testified that he left for work about 7 a.m. that day. "Everybody was still asleep when I left."

He returned home "a couple of minutes after 5." A sense of foreboding hit him almost immediately, he said.

The house, itself, provided the first inkling of trouble, Wise told

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