

of unlawful imprisonment and sentenced to 10 months in prison.

In between those convictions, Rand was reportedly arrested for three minor crimes, including burglary.

Volunteers and Westerleigh residents who said they have dealt with Rand in the past described him as clever and seemingly helpful. Many North Shore residents who filed into the courtroom yesterday said Rand's catatonic-like behavior was quite out of character for the man. They said he was usually alert and active.

Marino yesterday said Rand was "no dummy" and that he had held jobs and composed music. Investigators involved with the case viewed Rand's behavior as an orchestrated performance intended to help his defense.

Murphy said John Loughrey, the assistant district attorney prosecuting Rand, was preparing the case for presentation to a grand jury.

"We are being cautious and patient," the district attorney yesterday. "We don't have to rush on an indictment."

Volunteers sticking with the search for Jennifer yesterday said they joined the district attorney and detectives in the hope that Rand's arrest would lead to new information.

"People are angrier now — they feel it is time to really do something about this," said Donna Cutugno

of the Friends of Jennifer. "We are really going to rip the Island apart. Now that people see a face, they can relate more."

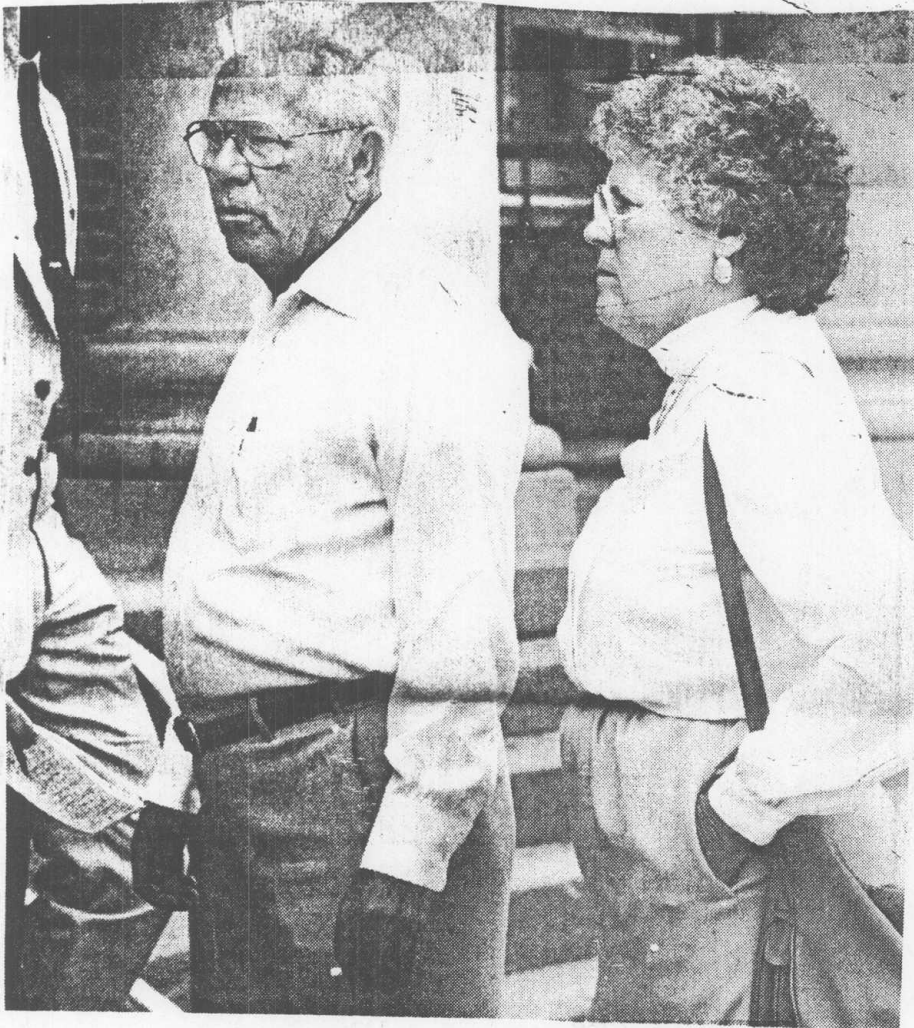
According to Mrs. Cutugno, callers providing new leads have been contacting police and the group, and all the information is being followed up.

While the volunteer effort was temporarily put aside, overshadowed by Rand's arraignment, specialized police teams continued searching in the Greenbelt during the day.

Last night, volunteers, undaunted by the rain, scoured lots and wooded areas near South Avenue in Mariners Harbor and Goethals Road North in Graniteville. Volunteers also searched around LaTourette golf course, woodlands behind shopping plazas at the foot of Platinum Avenue in New Springville and terrain around Front and Bay streets in Stapleton.

Murphy said that if found mentally incompetent, Rand could be committed to a state psychiatric facility for a maximum of 25 years. If convicted on the felony kidnapping charge, Rand would face a maximum prison sentence of 25 years, the district attorney said.

Volunteers continue to meet daily at noon and 7 p.m. at Holy Family Church to search for traces of Jennifer. Anyone with information about the girl's disappearance is asked to call police at a 24-hour hotline number, 447-4168.



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The grandparents of Holly Ann Hughes, Sven and Helen Cederholm, arrive at Criminal Court. ADVANCE PHOTO/STEVE ZAFFARANO