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Jennifer waked; cops' job continues

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As Jennifer Schweiger was waked last night, 40 cops finished yet another day of combing the wooded grounds of the former Willowbrook mental hospital on Staten Island, searching for more hidden graves in the area where the 12-year-old girl's body was found last week.

A police spokesman said the search, directed by Chief of Patrol John McCabe, could continue as long as a month and will not end until authorities are sure no more missing children are buried there.

Hundreds of mourners, including former volunteer searchers, were expected to visit the Staten Island funeral home where Jennifer was taken.

Chief Medical Examiner Elliot Gross is awaiting the results of tests to determine the cause of Jennifer's death.

Jennifer, who disappeared July 9, was found in a shallow grave behind Building 27 of the abandoned facility, near a makeshift camp used by suspect Andre Rand.

Yesterday's search concentrated on the area around Building 27 and the site of Rand's camp, but the spokesman said police eventually will cover every inch of the facility's 380 acres.

Rand, 43, a former Willowbrook attendant, was seen walking with Jennifer on the day she vanished. He was arrested Aug. 4 and charged with kidnaping her. Since then, he has been undergoing psychiatric evaluation at Kings County Hospital.