

Rand

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Rand was ordered by Brennan to remain held without bail on Rikers Island pending another court appearance Friday.

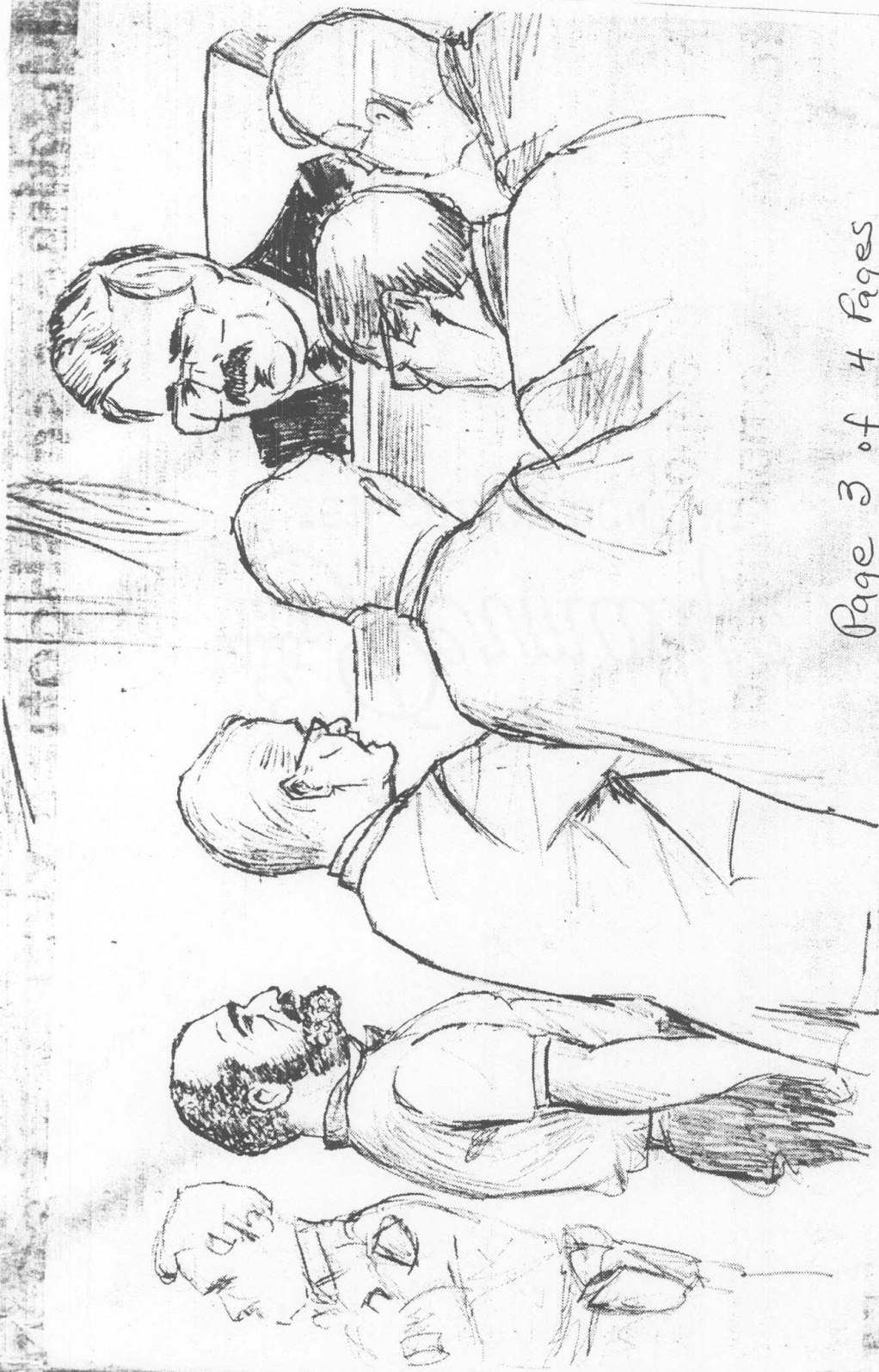
From Stapleton Court, Rand was immediately whisked by police motorcade to the district attorney's office in St. George where eight witnesses gathered during the extensive police investigation were waiting to view him in lineups.

Seven of the eight witnesses were reported to have identified Rand as the man they saw walking hand-in-hand with a happy Jennifer Schweiger near her home and later on the grounds of the Staten Island Developmental Center, more than a mile away, between 2 and 3 p.m. on July 9, the last time she was seen alive. Rand is charged only with kidnapping and unlawful imprisonment in connection with the girl's disappearance.

Jennifer's body was found buried Aug. 12 on the grounds of the developmental center, a short distance from where police say Rand had a campsite. The discovery climaxed an extensive search involving hundreds of volunteers.

Assistant District Attorney John Loughery told Brennan yesterday that the grand jury has begun proceedings against Rand, but no indictment, either for kidnapping or murder, has been filed.

If no indictment is handed down by the grand jury by Friday, the district attorney will be required to conduct a hearing in Stapleton Court, laying out why Rand should continue to be held.



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A bearded Andre Rand, left, stands silently as his lawyer, Jerome Giovanazzo, on Rand's right, addresses Judge Michael Brennan.

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