

## Reporter forced to talk

A Daily News reporter was ordered to testify before the grand jury that eventually indicted Andre Rand in the death of 12-year-old Jennifer Schweiger of Staten Island.

Heidi Evans, who interviewed Rand in the psychiatric ward of Kings County Hospital shortly after his arrest last month, testified Thursday. Her exclusive story quoted Rand as saying he had nothing to do with the crime.

Attorneys for The News had sought unsuccessfully to prevent Evans from appearing before the grand jury, contending that her notes were privileged and that compelling her testimony would have a "chilling effect" on the reporting process.

Supreme Court Justice Norman Felig denied the motion to quash the subpoena, ruling that Evans' testimony might be relevant to the inquiry and was unavailable from another source.

Evans appeared before the panel for about 5 minutes.

# S.I. drifter indicted in girl's death

By **MARY ENGELS**  
and **STUART MARQUES**

Daily News Staff Writers

Convicted sex offender Andre Rand was indicted yesterday in the kidnap-murder of 12-year-old Jennifer Schweiger—whose body was found last month in a shallow grave at an abandoned Staten Island mental hospital.

The muscular 43-year-old Rand was indicted on first-degree kidnaping and second-degree murder in the slaying of the girl, who had Down's syndrome.

Rand, a slightly retarded schizophrenic, faces a sentence of 15 years to life if he is convicted on the kidnap charge and 25 years to life on the murder count. He is being held without bail on Rikers Island and will be arraigned Wednesday.

Much of the case against Rand is based on witnesses who said they saw him walking with Jennifer on July 9, the day she disappeared. Her body was found Aug. 12 in a shallow grave on the grounds of the old Willowbrook mental facility—150 yards from Rand's make-

shift campsite.

Because the body was decomposed, medical examiners have so far been unable to find the cause of death.

### Keeps coming back

Jennifer's father, Kenneth Schweiger, was pleased with the indictment. "I feel good," he told the Daily News in the backyard of his home. "I feel justice has been done. Beside that, what can be said? Things have been tough. Every once in a while the reality hits you; it keeps coming back."

Rand's lawyer, Jerome Giovinazzo, blasted the indictment, which he blamed on excessive publicity and the "atmosphere" on Staten Island—where a crowd of 75 people shouted "Kill the bastard" when Rand was brought to court last week.

Rand pleaded guilty to the attempted rape of a 9-year-old girl in 1969. He is also a suspect in the disappearances of three other little girls: Holly Ann Hughes, Alice Pereira and Tiahese Jackson. He has not been charged in those cases.