

# Trial—

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Giovinazzo, in cross-examining Fiori, got him to admit it was not usual for police to permit "vagabonds" to remain in the stationhouse for that long a period.

Fiori said Rand did not answer him when he told him he could leave the stationhouse. "He ignored me," Fiori said.

Earlier, Detective Ralph Aquino testified Rand refused to tell him the location of his campsite at the center. Rand had been brought into the stationhouse for questioning on the afternoon of July 12 after having been questioned earlier.

Aquino said detectives had advised Rand of the nature of the inquiry, the disappearance of the girl, who had Down's syndrome. Aquino said that when he looked in on Rand in the interview room about 10 or 11 p.m. the defendant was lying on the floor, crying, his hands in a praying position. He refused to say anything, his eyes fixed on the wall.

Fiori, Aquino and other police witnesses related the steps police took after Jennifer was reported missing at 4 p.m. on July 9.

Sgt. William Bradley, also a witness, said the missing person case was given a "top priority" when officers of the 120th Precinct were sent out on patrol at midnight on July 9. Police previously had established a command post in the home of Jennifer's parents, and the following day the command post was shifted to a firehouse in Westerleigh.

Fiori said that all except four of the 24 detectives assigned to his squad were assigned to the case during the first days. The crimes against property squad has responsibility for missing person cases.

Aquino, now retired but assigned to the property squad at the time, said he first spoke to Rand on July 10 after having spoken to Jensen, the detective who recognized the defendant from having seen him in the supermarket.

Aquino said Rand readily agreed to cooperate when asked to accompany him and other detectives to the stationhouse for questioning. Rand had his green bicycle with him, the detective said.

On July 9, Rand told detectives he had gone to a supermarket on Bay Street and a bicycle shop on Jewett Avenue at noon before having lunch at the Salvation Army building in Port Richmond. Afterwards he said he went to a Burger King restaurant in Port Richmond Center and then rode his bicycle to Bayonne where he went to a supermarket, a laundromat and a restaurant.

He was permitted to leave the stationhouse after agreeing to meet detectives the next day at a bicycle shop, Aquino said. He never kept the appointment.

Aquino said they found Rand on July 12 leaving a cemetery in Graniteville where he said he had spent the night. He said he had failed to keep the appointment because he had lost Aquino's business card. He also said he had sold his bicycle because he needed cash.

Aquino said the defendant once again agreed to accompany him back to the 120th Precinct stationhouse for further questioning about his whereabouts on July 9.

At this time Aquino said he received a message from a relative of the Schweiger family who led him to what turned out to be Rand's campsite at Willowbrook, hidden in densely wooded area. Aquino said it had various refinements, including a bunk bed, a latrine and even an early warning alarm system.

On returning to the stationhouse, Rand refused to talk to him about the campsite, Aquino testified. On the following day, July 13, Aquino said he resumed questioning Rand about the campsite. This time the detective said Rand told him that police already knew its location, saying: "That's my pail outside."

Aquino said Rand referred to a plastic pail that another detective, unknown to him, had removed from a campsite he had come upon on the center grounds, not knowing it was Rand's. Clothing also had been removed from the site.

Rand finally agreed to show Aquino the campsite only after detective agreed to return the pail and clothing, the detective said.