

A. "Yes, it would."

The fourth center employee, Gary McBryer, an auto mechanic, testified he was road-testing a car at 3 p.m. when he spotted Rand and the girl near Building 15 and the swimming pool area. McBryer said Rand was "prodding" Jennifer along with his hand, perhaps out of concern for her safety with the approach of the car. They were walking in the roadway.

McBryer said that when he left the two they were crossing the intersection at Second Avenue and B Street, walking in the direction of Rand's campsite, a short distance away.

If Rand had continued walking along B Street it would have taken him in the direction of the administration building, still some distance away, according to aerial photographs that are in evidence.

A fifth witness, Jeffrey A. Mulligan, a firefighter, said he was seated in a car parked on Willowbrook Road when he saw Rand and Jennifer walking toward him on Forest Hill Road, which together with Willowbrook Road forms the eastern boundary of the former developmental center grounds.

Mulligan described Rand as "unshaven, scruffy" as he walked with Jennifer, holding her hand with one hand and pushing his bicycle with the other.

The firefighter said he saw the two enter a dirt path that led into the center's grounds from Forest Hill Road.

On Tuesday, a state trooper testified that a bloodhound trailed Jennifer's scent from outside her home to the path where Mulligan said he saw the two enter the center. The dog collapsed of heat exhaustion at that time, but returned the next day to continue the search.

The trooper testified the dog picked up Jennifer's scent at the path and trailed it to the area where McBryer said he observed the two. The dog lost the scent after going another 25 yards. The trooper indicated that he believed that Jennifer may have been dead at this point. Bloodhounds trained to follow human scents instinctively stop their search when a person dies, the trooper said.

Earlier, Floyd Muse, an attendant at an Amoco service station at Victory Boulevard and Bradley Avenue, Meiers Corners, said he saw Rand and Jennifer leave Watchogue Road, cross Bradley Avenue in back of Schaffer's Tavern and walk past the station to Victory Boulevard in the direction of Woolley Avenue and the developmental center. The service station was about two or three blocks from Jennifer's home.

Muse said he had seen Rand in the neighborhood on prior occasions.

"It appeared to me this guy was taking this girl for a walk on a nice day," he said under questioning by Assistant District Attorney John Loughrey.

Thomas McCarthy, an elevator construction worker, said he was driving home between 2:30 and 3 p.m. when he spotted Rand and Jennifer emerge from Martin Avenue onto North Gannon Avenue, Willowbrook, and walk west toward Woolley Avenue, the next block.

Rhonda Romano said she observed the two walking together at about 2:45 p.m. at North Gannon and Woolley avenues, about 11 blocks from the service station and about three quarters of a mile from the center's main entrance on Victory Boulevard. Mrs.



Beverly Jackson



Thomas McCarthy



Judy Newsome

Romano said Jennifer at this time appeared to be "dragging" one leg and limping.

The day's first witness, Donna Catugno of Westleigh, testified about the massive search that took place following Jennifer's disappearance. Mrs. Catugno, a leader in organizing hundreds of civilians into search parties and distributing flyers, said searches were carried out in areas other than the developmental center. Search parties were sent out twice a day, at noon and 7 p.m., beginning July 21, she said. Off-duty police officers were among the volunteers.

During the first four days of the trial, Loughrey has called 27 witnesses, or more than one half of the 45 witnesses he plans to eventually call.

The trial will continue today.

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