

# Across a crowded room, their eyes never meet

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Every day, Karen Schweiger comes from New Jersey to watch the trial of her daughter's accused murderer, Andre Rand.

Mostly, she sits in the front row right in the middle of the courtroom, where the tragic drama surrounding 12-year-old Jennifer Schweiger's murder last summer is retold by lawyers and witnesses.

Mrs. Schweiger was called to the stand by the prosecution on Oct. 5, the first day of the trial.

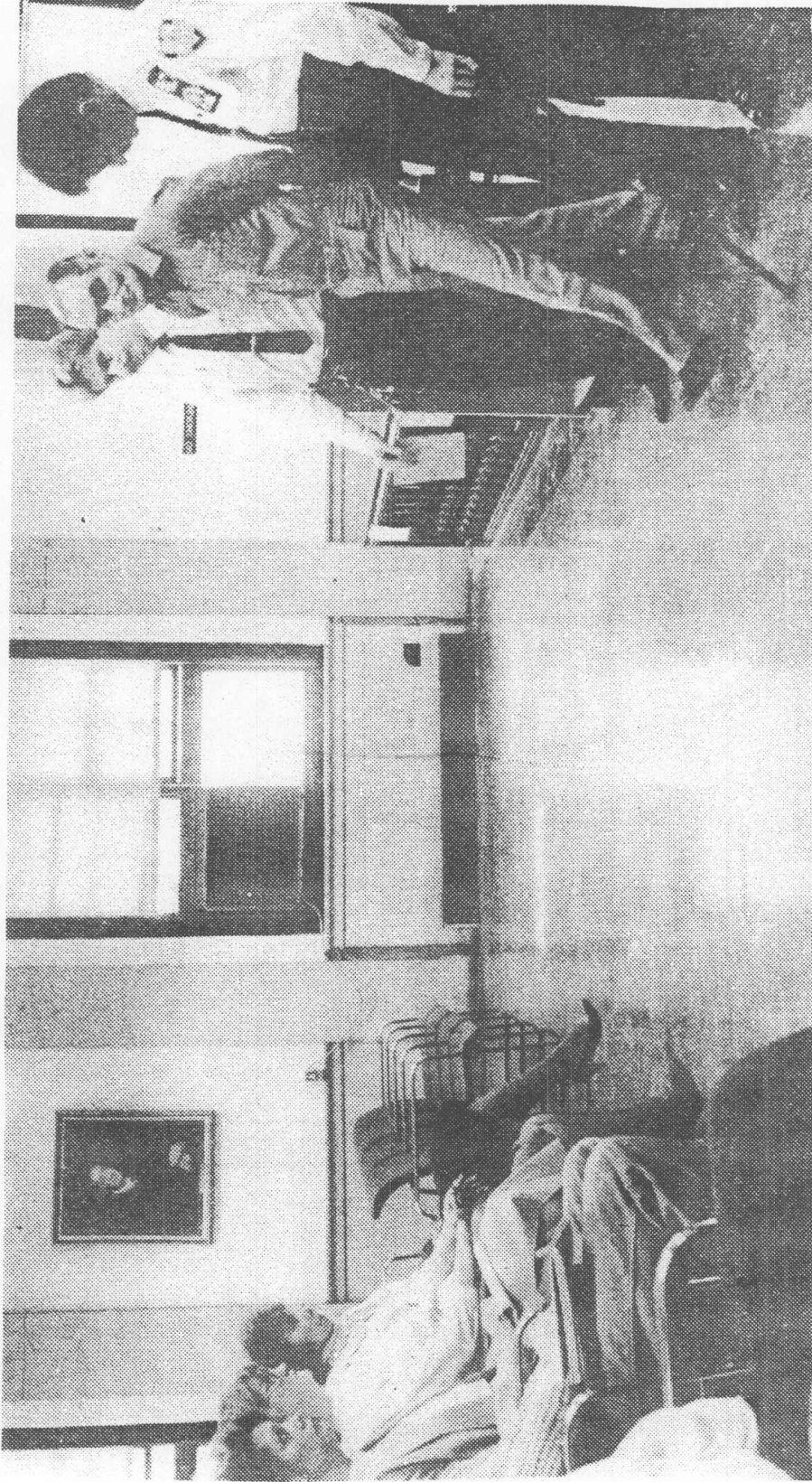
Yesterday, as defense attorney Jerome Giovino began his questioning, Mrs. Schweiger again took her seat in front.

And yesterday, as on every day of the trial, at least four separate times, Rand was escorted right past her.

Each time, Mrs. Schweiger fixed her gaze directly on him. And each time, Andre Rand turned his head away, avoiding eye contact with her.

[Staff photographer Johns is covering the Rand trial.]

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As she has on each day of the trial, Karen Schweiger, seated center left, fixes her gaze on defendant Andre Rand as he is led into the courtroom. And, as he has on each of those days, Rand avoids looking at her.

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