

# Lockup will be a luxury for Rand

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Behind bars, Andre Rand probably will spend the coming years of his life in a sort of luxury that contrasts with the squatter's life he led.

Rand, 43, faces a prison term of 15 years to life for the first-degree kidnapping of 12-year-old Jennifer Schweiger, whose body was found buried near a campsite the unemployed drifter called home, on the grounds of the former Staten Island Development Center in Willowbrook.

Rand, who was convicted on Thursday, has been confined to the Rikers Island Hospital for the past 13 months.

Prior to that, Rand, an ex-felon with a history of emotional instability, spent six weeks in Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn where he underwent psychiatric evaluation after his arrest by police on Aug. 6, 1987.

He now shares a single cell in a

13-cell block with Joel Steinberg of Manhattan, who is now standing trial for the beating death of his 6-year-old illegally adopted daughter, Lisa, last November.

Assistant Corrections Commissioner Ruby Ryles said Rand, who also was accused, but not convicted, of murdering the Schweiger child after her disappearance on July 9, 1987, will receive three meals a day, clean clothes and sheets, a bed, access to a law library and other reading material, a chance to receive visits from friends or family or his lawyer to discuss his case and daily opportunities to exercise.

And the city's taxpayers will be picking up the \$125 daily tab for Rand's stay on Rikers Island, the average cost to clothe, feed and house a prisoner in both city and state correctional facilities, according to Ms. Ryles.

"Inmates like Mr. Rand, whose cases have received a lot of publicity, are usually placed in pro-

tective custody. He is considered a high safety risk and therefore cannot share a cell in the general inmate population," Ms. Ryles said.

"All prisoners in this category are housed in the Rikers Island Hospital. He will remain here until 48 hours after he is sentenced, at which time he will be sent to a state correctional facility."

On Thursday, Supreme Court Justice Norman J. Felig ordered Rand held without bail until Nov. 15, when he will be sentenced.

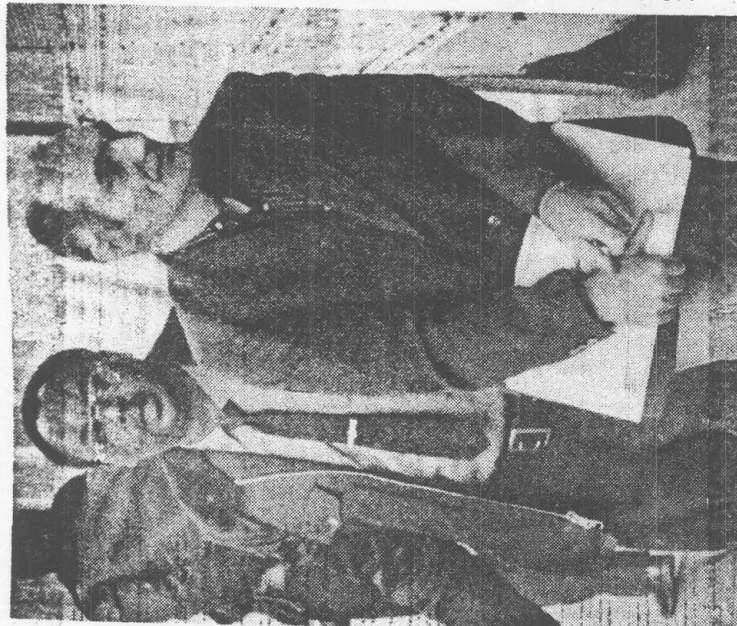
"In all probability, he will wind up serving as much time as if he had been convicted of murder because kidnapping convictions are considered to be about equal," Ms. Ryles said.

Rand will be sent to a maximum security facility like Sing Sing in Ossining, Greenhaven in Stormville, the Auburn (N.Y.) Correctional Facility or even Attica," she said.

Rand's remaining jail time at the hospital will be spent in a leisurely kind of way, since neither he nor his cellblock mates have been assigned to a work detail. Rising time is 5:30 a.m. with breakfast following a half hour later. Then a chance to exercise in the recreational yard on the grounds of the hospital.

Next, the inmate may go to the day room where he can watch television, read or perhaps play chess or checkers with a fellow prisoner. Between lunch and dinner and lights out at 11 p.m., he can go to the law library on another floor of the hospital building, receive visits from his family, friends or lawyer to discuss his case or attend religious services several days a week in the hospital chapel.

Also permitted are daily visits from the prisoner's Corrections Department counselor, Ms. Ryles said.



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Andre Rand's coming years in custody will be spent in relative luxury.