

Hunt for S.I. girl pushed

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Police yesterday intensified their round-the-clock search for missing 12-year-old Jennifer Schweiger, the Staten Island girl with Down's syndrome who vanished Thursday afternoon while in the company of a male transient.

She was last seen about 2:20 p.m. Thursday holding hands with him, in the Westerleigh section about six

blocks from her Wardwell Ave. home.

The man is described as white, "seedy-looking," in his late 50s or early 60s, about 5-foot-8, 165 pounds, wearing a blue shirt and medium gray pants. He is balding and missing some front teeth.

A floodlit search was mounted last night on the former site of the Willowbrook State School, where numerous buildings are now under renovation for the College of Staten Island.

Jennifer has light brown hair worn in two pigtails, hazel eyes and mongoloid features. She is 5-foot-3, 65 pounds, and when last seen was wearing a pink T-shirt with a Sesame St. logo on front and white shorts with varicolored vertical stripes. She carried a yellow pocketbook with \$8 to \$10 in it.

Anyone with information in the case is asked to call a special police command post at (718) 447-4168.